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Section 1.—Population and Vital Statistics.

AREA AND POPULATION.

State or Territory.	Area—Square Miles.	Population (Excluding full-blood Aboriginals).						Capital Cities, 30th June, 1954.(a)
		Census—30th June, 1954.(a)			Estimate—31st March, 1955.			
		Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.	
N.S.W. ..	309,433	1,720,950	1,702,768	3,423,718	1,747,827	1,732,192	3,480,019	1,863,217
Victoria..	87,884	1,230,969	1,221,368	2,452,337	1,263,728	1,248,418	2,512,146	1,524,062
Q'land ..	670,500	676,451	641,942	1,318,393	681,283	646,667	1,327,950	502,353
S. Aust...	380,070	403,978	393,181	797,159	413,137	400,940	814,077	483,535
W. Aust.	975,920	330,339	309,377	639,716	336,070	316,716	652,786	348,596
Tasmania	26,215	157,123	151,660	308,783	160,835	153,642	314,477	95,223
N. Terr...	523,620	10,281	6,171	16,452	10,155	6,272	16,427	8,071
A.C.T. ..	939	16,229	14,086	30,315	16,912	14,683	31,595	28,277
Australia	2,974,581	4,546,320	4,440,553	8,986,873	4,629,947	4,519,530	9,149,477	4,853,334

(a) Preliminary Count.

ESTIMATED POPULATION, EXCLUDING FULL-BLOOD ABORIGINALS.

Year.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Nor. Terr.	A.C.T.	Australia.
				AT 30TH JUNE.					
1939	2,748,393	1,878,480	1,018,007	596,563	470,044	237,419	6,281	12,567	6,967,754
1951*a*	3,278,898	2,276,694	1,227,776	732,470	580,317	286,209	15,601	24,009	8,421,974
1952*a*	3,340,177	2,344,585	1,259,572	755,102	599,823	296,321	15,453	25,678	8,636,711
1953*a*	3,384,242	2,395,300	1,291,526	775,841	620,501	304,107	15,839	28,304	8,815,660
1954*b*	3,423,718	2,452,337	1,318,393	797,159	639,716	308,783	16,452	30,315	8,986,873
				AT 31ST DECEMBER.					
1938	2,737,191	1,871,099	1,005,523	595,842	466,684	242,119	5,730	11,721	6,935,909
1951*a*	3,315,528	2,299,653	1,238,362	743,828	590,307	301,805	14,605	24,041	8,528,129
1952*a*	3,368,572	2,366,791	1,271,362	768,624	612,895	309,583	14,758	27,262	8,739,847
1953*a*	3,409,334	2,416,054	1,298,543	785,728	631,692	316,495	15,619	29,543	8,903,008
1954	3,462,502	2,480,873	1,322,886	808,308	649,360	319,542	16,123	31,144	9,090,738

(*a*) Revised in accordance with the preliminary results of the Census of 30th June, 1954.
(*b*) Preliminary Census results.

ESTIMATED MEAN POPULATION, EXCLUDING FULL-BLOOD ABORIGINALS.

Year.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Nor. Terr.	A.C.T.	Australia.
				YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE.					
1939	2,735,400	1,872,287	1,008,207	595,131	466,896	237,637	5,932	11,965	6,933,455
1951*a*	3,239,159	2,242,986	1,207,260	721,880	570,323	283,540	14,820	23,245	8,303,213
1952*a*	3,312,685	2,309,822	1,239,952	743,356	589,855	293,358	15,121	24,704	8,528,853
1953*a*	3,366,944	2,372,437	1,272,350	766,592	611,150	302,553	15,229	27,209	8,734,464
1954	3,405,735	2,422,858	1,300,590	786,043	630,655	309,445	15,914	29,425	8,900,665
				YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER.					
1938	2,722,378	1,865,251	1,001,996	593,242	463,808	236,328	5,804	11,534	6,900,341
1951*a*	3,280,270	2,276,391	1,223,794	732,577	580,289	288,310	15,170	23,787	8,420,588
1952*a*	3,342,198	2,343,704	1,255,991	755,090	600,580	298,381	15,077	25,888	8,636,909
1953*a*	3,387,009	2,395,895	1,287,347	776,414	620,988	306,345	15,520	28,383	8,817,901
1954	3,428,710	2,453,461	1,313,187	796,426	640,086	311,159	16,197	30,340	8,989,566

(*a*) Revised in accordance with the preliminary results of the Census of 30th June, 1954.

INCREASE OF POPULATION.

State or Territory.	1950.	1952.	1953.	1954.	Twelve Months ended 31st March.	
					1954.	1955.
NATURAL INCREASE (EXCESS OF BIRTHS OVER DEATHS).						
New South Wales	40,627	42,158	43,183	40,681	42,254	41,157
Victoria	27,489	30,416	30,911	32,106	30,682	32,419
Queensland	18,629	19,782	19,776	19,832	19,616	19,988
South Australia	10,566	10,834	11,194	11,048	10,741	11,199
Western Australia	9,170	10,204	10,790	10,564	10,484	10,806
Tasmania	4,776	5,337	5,185	5,074	5,222	5,077
Northern Territory	315	359	344	407	385	367
Australian Capital Territory	832	963	664	739	678	734
Australia	112,404	120,053	122,047	120,451	120,062	121,747
NET MIGRATION (EXCESS OF ARRIVALS OVER DEPARTURES).						
New South Wales	58,399 (a)	18,043 (a)	4,578 (a)	15,977	875	23,634
Victoria	39,255	35,053	16,346	31,764	21,655	37,170
Queensland	14,581	11,310	5,480	3,544	4,659	3,720
South Australia	13,571	10,865	2,791	9,968	5,415	10,180
Western Australia	19,686	12,677	8,258	7,228	9,264	6,514
Tasmania	5,376	3,604	2,888	— 1,448	2,343	— 1,455
Northern Territory	967	— 2	718	201	633	250
Australian Capital Territory	670	2,482	1,838	973	1,596	1,120
Australia	152,505	94,032	42,897	68,207	46,440	81,133
TOTAL INCREASE.(b)						
New South Wales	91,469	53,044	40,762	53,168	36,119	63,055
Victoria	68,335	67,138	49,263	64,819	54,315	70,075
Queensland	35,118	33,000	27,181	24,343	26,217	24,187
South Australia	27,233	24,796	17,104	22,580	19,280	22,161
Western Australia	28,460	22,588	18,797	17,668	19,496	17,262
Tasmania	8,994	7,778	6,912	3,047	6,405	3,334
Northern Territory	1,080	153	861	504	815	565
Australian Capital Territory	1,281	3,221	2,281	1,601	2,053	1,799
Australia	261,970	211,718	163,161	187,730	164,700	202,438

(a) Revised after preliminary results of 1954 Census. (b) Includes natural increase and net migration together with adjustments for differences disclosed by preliminary results of the Census of 30th June, 1954.

NOTE.—Minus sign (—) denotes excess of departures over arrivals.

POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS—SUMMARY, AUSTRALIA.

Period.	Marriages.	Births.	Deaths.	Natural Increase. (a)	Net Migration. (b)	Total Increase. (c)	Population at end of Period.
Year—							
1938	62,411	120,415	66,451	53,964	9,137	64,417	6,935,909
1943	67,673	149,295	74,486	74,809	1,271	68,562	7,269,658
1944	68,201	153,344	69,596	83,748	— 2,183	77,366	7,347,024
1945	62,822	160,560	70,231	90,329	— 2,629	83,173	7,430,197
1946	79,496	176,379	74,661	101,718	— 15,148	87,784	7,517,981
1947	76,457	182,384	73,468	108,916	10,611	119,995	d7,637,976
1948	74,902	177,976	76,839	101,137	55,115	154,538	d7,792,514
1949	72,999	181,261	75,260	106,001	150,001	253,168	d8,045,682
1950	75,599	190,591	78,187	112,404	152,505	261,970	d8,307,652
1951	77,298	193,298	81,788	111,510	111,433	220,477	d8,528,129
1952	74,172	201,650	81,597	120,053	94,032	211,718	d8,739,847
1953	70,640	202,235	80,188	122,047	42,897	163,161	d8,903,008
1954	71,229	202,256	81,805	120,451	68,207	187,730	9,090,738
Quarter ended—							
31st March, 1954	17,868	49,709	17,367	32,342	12,175	44,031	d8,947,039
30th June, 1954	18,600	50,613	20,677	29,936	10,340	39,834	8,986,873
30th September, 1954	15,097	50,772	24,670	26,102	16,809	42,911	9,029,784
31st December, 1954	19,664	51,162	19,091	32,071	28,883	60,954	9,090,738
31st March, 1955	17,705	51,318	17,680	33,638	25,101	58,739	9,149,477

(a) Excess of births over deaths. For the period January, 1943, to June, 1947, excess of births over civilian deaths only. (b) Excess of arrivals over departures. Minus sign (—) denotes excess of departures over arrivals. Excludes troop movements for the period January, 1943, to June, 1947. (c) Includes natural increase and net migration together with adjustments for deaths of defence personnel and differences disclosed by the Censuses of 30th June, 1947 and 1954. (d) Adjusted in accordance with the preliminary results of the 1954 Census.

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS.

State or Territory.	Marriages.	Births.			Deaths.		
		Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
QUARTER ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1955.							
New South Wales	6,900	9,539	9,100	18,639	3,948	2,946	6,894
Victoria	4,817	7,150	6,784	13,934	2,553	2,237	4,790
Queensland ..	2,322	4,162	3,929	8,091	1,491	1,065	2,556
South Australia ..	1,519	2,189	2,119	4,308	849	697	1,546
Western Australia	1,429	2,062	2,026	4,088	725	536	1,261
Tasmania ..	626	972	949	1,921	311	256	567
Northern Territory	30	55	65	120	31	5	36
Australian Capital Territory ..	62	106	111	217	21	9	30
Australia ..	17,705	26,235	25,083	51,318	9,929	7,751	17,680
YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1954.							
New South Wales	27,503	37,453	35,672	73,125	18,256	14,188	32,444
Victoria	19,404	28,112	26,548	54,660	12,162	10,392	22,554
Queensland ..	10,027	15,880	15,296	31,176	6,621	4,723	11,344
South Australia ..	6,190	9,347	8,880	18,227	3,892	3,287	7,179
Western Australia	5,204	8,136	7,792	15,928	3,203	2,161	5,364
Tasmania ..	2,512	3,919	3,851	7,770	1,493	1,203	2,696
Northern Territory	143	268	245	513	90	16	106
Australian Capital Territory ..	246	440	417	857	70	48	118
Australia ..	71,229	103,555	98,701	202,256	45,787	36,018	81,805

State or Territory.	1938.	1952.	1953.	1954.	Quarter ended 31st March.	
					1954.	1955.
MARRIAGES—NUMBER.						
New South Wales ..	24,579	29,351	27,573	27,503	7,145	6,900
Victoria	17,113	20,220	19,238	19,404	4,699	4,817
Queensland	8,853	10,056	9,859	10,027	2,252	2,322
South Australia ..	5,489	6,241	6,149	6,190	1,629	1,519
Western Australia ..	4,153	5,389	5,032	5,204	1,410	1,429
Tasmania	2,082	2,553	2,424	2,512	619	626
Northern Territory ..	67	137	154	143	37	30
Australian Capital Territory	75	225	211	246	77	62
Australia ..	62,411	74,172	70,640	71,229	17,868	17,705

DIVORCES (INCLUDING NULLITIES OF MARRIAGE).—Australia—1938, 3,100; 1950, 7,414; 1951, 7,320; 1952, 7,095; 1953, 8,031; 1954, New South Wales 2,844; Victoria, 1,539; Queensland, 714; South Australia, 598; Western Australia, 532; Tasmania, 237; Northern Territory, 20; Australian Capital Territory, 33; Australia, 6,517.

Marriages, Births and Deaths—*continued.*

State or Territory.	1938.	1952.	1953.	1954.	Quarter ended 31st March.	
					1954.	1955.
MARRIAGE RATES—PER 1,000 OF MEAN POPULATION.(*a*)						
New South Wales ..	9.03	8.78	8.14	8.02	8.37 (*b*)	7.95 (*b*)
Victoria	9.17	8.63	8.03	7.91	7.74	7.72
Queensland.. ..	8.84	8.01	7.66	7.64	6.92	7.01
South Australia ..	9.25	8.27	7.92	7.77	8.26	7.49
Western Australia ..	8.95	8.97	8.10	8.13	8.90	8.78
Tasmania	8.81	8.56	7.91	8.07	7.89	7.90
Northern Territory ..	11.54	9.09	9.92	8.83	9.40	7.37
Australian Capital Territory.. ..	6.50	8.69	7.43	8.11	10.38	7.91
Australia ..	9.04	8.59	8.01	7.92	8.01	7.77
BIRTHS—NUMBER.						
New South Wales ..	47,319	74,196	74,890	73,125	18,123	18,639
Victoria	30,344	53,738	53,561	54,660	13,635	13,934
Queensland.. ..	18,992	30,953	30,782	31,176	7,808	8,091
South Australia ..	9,410	17,884	18,156	18,227	4,087	4,308
Western Australia ..	9,141	15,413	15,862	15,928	3,748	4,088
Tasmania	4,907	7,916	7,736	7,770	1,939	1,921
Northern Territory ..	102	448	460	513	142	120
Australian Capital Territory.. ..	200	1,102	788	857	227	217
Australia ..	120,415	201,650	202,235	202,256	49,709	51,318
BIRTH RATES—PER 1,000 OF MEAN POPULATION.(*a*)						
New South Wales ..	17.38	22.20	22.11	21.33	21.24 (*b*)	21.48 (*b*)
Victoria	16.27	22.93	22.36	22.28	22.45	22.33
Queensland.. ..	18.95	24.64	23.91	23.74	24.00	24.42
South Australia ..	15.86	23.68	23.38	22.89	20.72	21.24
Western Australia ..	19.71	25.66	25.54	24.88	23.66	25.12
Tasmania	20.76	26.53	25.25	24.97	24.71	24.24
Northern Territory ..	17.57	29.71	29.64	31.67	36.08	29.49
Australian Capital Territory.. ..	(*c*) 17.34	(*c*) 42.57	27.76	28.25	30.60	27.67
Australia ..	17.45	23.35	22.93	22.50	22.28	22.51
DEATHS—NUMBER.						
New South Wales ..	26,105	32,038	31,707	32,444	6,854	6,894
Victoria	18,955	23,322	22,650	22,554	4,804	4,790
Queensland.. ..	9,201	11,171	11,006	11,344	2,429	2,556
South Australia ..	5,539	7,050	6,962	7,179	1,476	1,546
Western Australia ..	4,234	5,209	5,072	5,364	1,163	1,261
Tasmania	2,288	2,579	2,551	2,696	588	567
Northern Territory ..	69	89	116	106	18	36
Australian Capital Territory.. ..	60	139	124	118	35	30
Australia ..	66,451	81,597	80,188	81,805	17,367	17,680

(*a*) Adjusted in accordance with the preliminary results of the 1954 Census. (*b*) Equivalent annual rates. (*c*) As in the States and the Northern Territory, the rates shown are based on birth *registrations*. Prior to the provision late in 1952 of maternity accommodation in Queanbeyan, births registered in Canberra for the years 1938, and 1952 included many mothers from Queanbeyan and surrounding areas. Rates based on the number of births to mothers *resident* in the Australian Capital Territory for these years are as follows:—1938, 15.43, 1952, 31.91.

Marriages, Births and Deaths—*continued.*

State or Territory.	1938.	1952.	1953.	1954.	Quarter ended 31st March.	
					1954.	1955.
DEATH RATES—PER 1,000 OF MEAN POPULATION.(a)						
New South Wales	9.50	9.59	9.36	9.46	8.03 (b)	7.94 (b)
Victoria	10.16	9.95	9.45	9.19	7.91	7.67
Queensland	9.18	8.89	8.55	8.64	7.47	7.71
South Australia	9.34	9.34	8.97	9.01	7.48	7.62
Western Australia	9.13	8.67	8.17	8.38	7.34	7.75
Tasmania	9.68	8.64	8.33	8.66	7.49	7.15
Northern Territory	11.89	5.90	7.47	6.54	4.57	8.85
Australian Capital Territory	5.20	5.37	4.37	3.89	4.72	3.83
Australia	9.63	9.45	9.09	9.10	7.78	7.75
DEATHS UNDER ONE YEAR OF AGE.						
New South Wales	1,980	1,818	1,846	1,850	442	448
Victoria	1,038	1,198	1,133	1,055	242	217
Queensland	784	772	769	695	187	186
South Australia	287	413	375	388	92	95
Western Australia	309	384	378	359	74	93
Tasmania	195	172	177	186	37	40
Northern Territory	6	14	18	9	1	11
Australian Capital Territory	8	26	17	4	..	3
Australia	4,607	4,797	4,713	4,546	1,075	1,093
INFANT MORTALITY—RATE PER 1,000 LIVE BIRTHS.						
New South Wales	41.84	24.50	24.65	25.30	24.39	24.04
Victoria	34.21	22.29	21.15	19.30	17.75	15.57
Queensland	41.28	24.94	24.98	22.29	23.95	22.99
South Australia	30.50	23.09	20.65	21.29	22.51	22.05
Western Australia	33.80	24.91	23.83	22.54	19.74	22.75
Tasmania	39.74	21.73	22.88	23.94	19.08	20.82
Northern Territory	58.82	31.25	39.13	17.54	7.04	91.67
Australian Capital Territory	40.00	23.59	21.57	4.67	..	13.82
Australia	38.26	23.79	23.30	22.48	21.63	21.30

(*a*) Adjusted in accordance with the preliminary results of the 1954 Census. (*b*) Equivalent annual rates.

MIGRATION—AUSTRALIA.

Figures to 30th June, 1933, have been adjusted in accordance with the results of the 1933 Census. Figures from 1st July, 1933, are as recorded.

Period.	Total Arrivals.			Total Departures.			Excess of Arrivals over Departures.
	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.	
1921–25	289,695	188,357	478,052	172,236	122,550	294,786	183,266
1926–30	266,593	203,887	470,480	193,336	147,437	340,773	129,707
1931–35	124,207	115,116	239,323	134,883	115,326	250,209	−10,886
1936–40(*a*)	161,774	159,538	321,312	140,901	137,283	278,184	43,128
1941–45(*a*)	35,422	28,503	63,925	30,097	26,019	56,116	7,809
1946–50(*a*)	398,507	303,413	701,920	180,779	168,057	348,836	353,084
1938	39,910	38,018	77,928	34,206	34,585	68,791	9,137
1950	141,891	108,513	250,404	49,907	47,992	97,899	152,505
1951	122,136	91,504	213,640	54,521	47,686	102,207	111,433
1952	127,516	88,323	215,839	68,937	52,870	121,807	94,032
1953	88,584	74,541	163,125	68,483	51,745	120,228	42,897
1954	109,601	88,424	198,025	72,073	57,745	129,818	68,207
Quarter ended 31st March—							
1954	26,333	21,806	48,139	19,770	16,194	35,964	12,175
1955	35,692	27,696	63,388	20,262	18,025	38,287	25,101

(*a*) Excludes troop movements September, 1939, to June, 1947.

NOTE.—Minus sign (−) denotes excess of departures over arrivals.

MIGRATION—AUSTRALIA—*continued.*

Permanent New Arrivals and Australian Residents Departing Permanently Classified according to Nationality.

Nationality.	Permanent New Arrivals.(a)			Australian Residents Departing Permanently.(a)		
	1954.	Quarter ended 31st March—		1954.	Quarter ended 31st March—	
		1954.	1955.		1954.	1955.
British(b)	44,749	10,332	17,357	29,764	8,027	7,938
Foreign—						
American (U.S.) ..	1,339	319	329	714	184	206
Austrian	1,429	324	961	49	16	17
Belgian	58	17	25	20	2	2
Chinese	331	174	140	162	48	24
Czechoslovak	59	19	14	80	6	32
Danish	94	26	17	48	13	6
Dutch	11,340	2,974	2,323	963	194	172
Estonian	3	..	4	56	20	10
French	302	108	89	240	53	104
German	12,979	2,742	3,496	507	104	109
Greek	9,968	1,590	3,367	156	39	17
Hungarian	77	11	36	64	23	11
Israeli	380	155	105	12	4	6
Italian	15,979	3,426	5,759	1,433	378	383
Japanese	174	51	35	17	5	7
Latvian	34	13	8	59	25	8
Lebanese	357	58	81	35	7	5
Lithuanian	10	5	2	73	15	7
Norwegian	41	7	6	111	35	38
Polish(c)	100	36	40	132	44	36
Russian(d)	254	81	45	79	19	16
Swedish	42	14	11	36	7	12
Swiss	157	29	44	96	24	31
Ukrainian	11	1	16	57	12	10
Yugoslav	685	210	215	91	25	13
Stateless	2,575	1,089	585	216	35	41
Other	487	174	237	179	46	82
Total	104,014	23,985	35,347	35,449	9,410	9,343

(a) "Permanent" means residence for one year or longer (in Australia in the case of arrivals; abroad in the case of departures) except in the case of Australian troops, who are classified as "temporary" irrespective of their length of stay. (b) "Irish" nationality has been combined with "British" for the purpose of this table. (c) Includes "Stateless" who were formerly Polish. (d) Includes "Stateless" who were formerly Russian.

Permanent New Arrivals and Australian Residents Departing Permanently Classified according to Racial Origin.

Racial Origin.	Permanent New Arrivals.(a)			Australian Residents Departing Permanently.(a)		
	1954.	Quarter ended 31st March—		1954.	Quarter ended 31st March—	
		1954.	1955.		1954.	1955.
European	102,265	23,123	34,486	34,829	9,209	9,147
Asian	1,623	811	810	593	192	190
African	42	2	11	7	2	1
Polynesian	84	49	40	20	7	5
Total	104,014	23,985	35,347	35,449	9,410	9,343

(a) *See* note (a) above.

MIGRATION—AUSTRALIA—*continued.*

Permanent Arrivals and Departures classified according to the Country of Last Permanent Residence or Country of Future Permanent Residence.

Country of Last Permanent Residence of Arrivals and Country of Future Permanent Residence of Departures.(a)	Permanent New Arrivals.			Australian Residents Departing Permanently.		
	1954.	Quarter ended 31st March—		1954.	Quarter ended 31st March—	
		1954.	1955.		1954.	1955.
British—						
United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland ..	28,793	6,872	9,690	16,814	4,256	4,070
Canada	735	137	249	1,252	385	393
Cyprus	522	87	237	96	32	3
India, Ceylon and Pakistan	791	224	190	464	147	174
Malta	6,198	843	4,477	158	53	56
New Guinea	681	234	247	2,039	585	543
New Zealand	2,628	654	815	3,615	1,026	1,182
Papua	412	117	118	1,140	326	299
Union of South Africa ..	282	96	103	235	59	64
Other	2,267	839	910	1,796	523	493
Total, British Countries	43,309	10,103	17,036	27,609	7,392	7,277
Foreign—						
Austria	1,643	321	1,051	37	10	12
France..	317	104	78	411	126	113
Germany	13,074	2,799	3,524	447	93	98
Greece	9,685	1,537	3,230	228	40	30
Italy	15,876	3,602	6,021	2,510	738	738
Netherlands	11,098	2,932	2,254	764	158	127
Poland	23	1	4	1	..	5
Yugoslavia	494	159	186	52	8	7
Other European ..	3,399	1,090	440	432	109	115
China	352	97	73	83	31	2
Indonesia	350	104	119	163	35	51
Egypt	961	267	362	55	22	12
United States of America ..	1,771	400	432	1,887	456	513
Polynesian Islands ..	161	53	33	267	48	101
Other	1,501	416	504	503	144	142
Total, Foreign Countries	60,705	13,882	18,311	7,840	2,018	2,066
GRAND TOTAL ..	104,014	23,985	35,347	35,449	9,410	9,343

(a) "Permanent" residence means residence of one year or longer except in the case of Australian troops, who are included under "Australia" (*see* following table) as regards both country of future permanent residence and country of last permanent residence.

MIGRATION—AUSTRALIA—*continued.*

Temporary Arrivals and Departures classified according to the Country of Last Permanent Residence or Country of Future Permanent Residence.

Country of Last Permanent Residence of Arrivals and Country of Future Permanent Residence of Departures.(a)	Australian Residents Returning and Temporary Visitors Arriving.			Australian Residents Departing Temporarily and Temporary Visitors Departing.		
	1954.	Quarter ended 31st March—		1954.	Quarter ended 31st March—	
		1954.	1955.		1954.	1955.
Australia	44,944	10,645	13,473	45,701	13,707	14,586
Other British—						
United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland	7,914	2,447	2,780	8,699	2,679	2,912
Canada	478	160	236	518	176	250
India, Ceylon and Pakistan	1,410	368	291	1,117	305	357
New Guinea	2,793	906	791	2,437	714	733
New Zealand	18,899	4,216	4,760	19,580	4,558	5,282
Papua	2,420	801	713	1,880	695	481
Union of South Africa	458	157	146	443	118	152
Other	5,135	1,655	1,802	4,964	1,194	1,389
Total, Other British Countries	39,507	10,710	11,519	39,638	10,439	11,556
Foreign—						
France	353	93	87	408	101	109
Germany	233	64	88	221	45	71
Greece	56	17	12	47	5	9
Italy	167	45	68	253	81	56
Netherlands	389	80	146	488	128	141
Yugoslavia	29	11	15	9	4	4
Other European	617	145	204	606	153	167
China	64	19	25	75	12	14
Indonesia	542	119	159	515	125	118
Egypt	59	16	17	60	19	15
United States of America	3,673	1,048	1,271	3,728	1,036	1,424
Polynesian Islands	1,293	488	406	1,130	371	266
Other	2,085	654	551	1,490	328	408
Total, Foreign Countries	9,560	2,799	3,049	9,030	2,408	2,802
GRAND TOTAL	94,011	24,154	28,041	94,369	26,554	28,944

(a) "Permanent" residence means residence of one year or longer except in the case of Australian troops, who are included under "Australia" as regards both country of future permanent residence and country of last permanent residence.

Section II.—Production.

PRINCIPAL CROPS—AUSTRALIA.

WHEAT FOR GRAIN: AREA, PRODUCTION, AND AVERAGE YIELD.

Season.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Australia.
AREA.								
('000 Acres.)								
1938–39..	**4,651**	**2,748**	**442**	**3,080**	**3,413**	**10**	**2**	**14,346**
1950–51..	3,329	2,735	559	1,848	3,185	5	2	11,663
1951–52..	2,753	2,464	454	1,613	3,095	4	1	10,384
1952–53..	2,702	2,232	724	1,544	2,999	7	1	10,209
1953–54..	3,357	2,389	580	1,528	2,885	10	2	10,751
1954–55(*a*)	2,780	2,400	700	1,610	3,000	8	1	10,499
PRODUCTION.								
('000 Bushels.)								
1938–39..	**59,898**	**18,104**	**8,584**	**31,675**	**36,844**	**205**	**59**	**155,369**
1950–51..	43,273	51,236	8,785	30,936	49,900	95	19	184,244
1951–52..	39,689	45,995	6,632	27,301	40,000	94	14	159,725
1952–53..	56,670	50,335	18,662	33,919	35,458	156	8	195,208
1953–54..	63,681	53,698	10,180	30,409	39,700	263	29	197,960
1954–55(*a*)	37,500	48,000	16,000	31,000	34,000	100	10	166,610
AVERAGE YIELD PER ACRE.								
(Bushels.)								
1938–39..	**12.9**	**6.6**	**19.4**	**10.3**	**10.8**	**20.8**	**28.7**	**10.8**
1950–51..	13.0	18.7	15.7	16.7	15.7	17.8	10.1	15.8
1951–52..	14.4	18.7	14.6	16.9	12.9	26.1	14.0	15.4
1952–53..	21.0	22.6	25.8	22.0	11.8	23.4	12.7	19.1
1953–54..	19.0	22.5	17.6	19.9	13.8	27.2	18.5	18.4
1954–55(*a*)	13.5	20.0	22.9	19.2	11.3	12.5	10.0	15.9

TOTAL AREA OF WHEAT GROWN FOR ALL PURPOSES.

('000 Acres.)

Season.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Australia.
1938–39 ..	**5,223**	**3,033**	**499**	**3,344**	**3,613**	**14**	**2**	**15,728**
1950–51 ..	3,442	2,771	616	1,950	3,255	9	2	12,045
1951–52 ..	2,930	2,499	551	1,688	3,163	7	1	10,839
1952–53 ..	2,836	2,265	779	1,601	3,076	13	1	10,571
1953–54 ..	3,548	2,429	658	1,604	2,938	15	2	11,194
1954–55(*a*) ..	3,150	2,441	740	(*b*)	(*b*)	(*b*)	(*b*)	(*b*)

OTHER PRINCIPAL CROPS.

Season.	Grain.			Potatoes.	Hay.	Sugar-cane.		Total Area of Crops.
	Oats.	Barley.	Maize.			Cut for crushing.	Cane Sugar. (94 N.T.)	
AREA.								
('000 Acres.)								
1938–39 ..	**1,784**	**745**	**324**	**98**	**3,250**	**262**	**..**	**23,498**
1949–50 ..	1,748	1,040	194	134	1,605	281	..	20,601
1950–51 ..	1,757	1,079	169	127	1,377	272	..	19,917
1951–52 ..	2,365	1,118	170	118	1,549	282	..	19,802
1952–53 ..	2,764	1,377	174	135	1,761	280	..	20,371
1953–54 ..	2,137	1,803	179	128	1,935	340	..	21,138
PRODUCTION.								
	'000 Bush.	'000 Bush.	'000 Bush.	'000 Tons.	'000 Tons.	'000 Tons.	'000 Tons.	
1938–39 ..	**15,555**	**10,831**	**7,057**	**274**	**3,321**	**5,679**	**820**	**..**
1949–50 ..	27,391	19,543	5,996	471	2,430	6,849	937	..
1950–51 ..	25,128	22,871	4,729	412	2,063	7,052	921	..
1951–52 ..	34,506	21,909	4,018	509	2,345	5,327	745	..
1952–53 ..	43,623	35,045	4,967	431	2,765	6,967	949	..
1953–54 ..	32,961	41,272	5,079	548	3,049	9,014	1,254	..

(*a*) Subject to revision. (*b*) Not yet available.

NUMBER OF PRINCIPAL LIVESTOCK.

('000.)

March.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	N. Terr. (a)	A.C.T.	Australia.
HORSES.									
1939 ..	531	344	(a) 445	(a) 196	(a) 144	(a) 30	33	1	1,724
1950 ..	343	200	317	83	59	21	33	1	1,057
1951 ..	329	187	307	71	55	20	29	1	999
1952 ..	311	169	289	63	53	19	32	1	937
1953 ..	298	154	282	57	50	18	35	1	895
1954 ..	280	141	273	52	49	17	37	1	850
CATTLE—BEEF.									
1950 ..	2,167	706	4,872	193	638	117	1,049	8	9,750
1951 ..	2,457	727	5,294	188	618	115	1,019	8	10,426
1952 ..	2,416	776	5,137	201	621	111	1,058	7	10,327
1953 ..	2,405	820	5,378	231	612	113	936	6	10,501
1954 ..	2,316	829	5,703	230	600	121	966	6	10,771
CATTLE—DAIRY.									
1950 ..	1,273	1,525	1,433	271	227	158	..	3	4,890
1951 ..	1,246	1,489	1,440	245	223	157	..	3	4,803
1952 ..	1,205	1,439	1,297	236	231	155	..	3	4,566
1953 ..	1,244	1,477	1,373	252	234	162	..	4	4,746
1954 ..	1,238	1,541	1,383	261	230	174	..	3	4,830
CATTLE—TOTAL.									
1939 ..	2,812	1,697	(a)6,097	(a) 319	(a) 768	(a) 262	900	7	12,862
1950 ..	3,440	2,231	6,305	464	865	275	1,049	11	14,640
1951 ..	3,703	2,216	6,734	433	841	272	1,019	11	15,229
1952 ..	3,621	2,215	6,434	437	852	266	1,058	10	14,893
1953 ..	3,649	2,297	6,751	483	846	275	936	10	15,247
1954 ..	3,554	2,370	7,086	491	830	295	966	9	15,601
SHEEP.									
1939 ..	48,877	17,007	a 23,159	a 9,937	a 9,177	a 2,626	30	245	111,058
1950 ..	53,298	19,161	17,582	9,477	10,923	2,170	26	254	112,891
1951 ..	54,111	20,012	17,478	10,166	11,362	2,181	29	257	115,596
1952 ..	53,676	21,537	16,164	11,470	12,188	2,338	31	243	117,647
1953 ..	57,461	21,368	17,030	12,036	12,475	2,421	34	247	123,072
1954 ..	59,639	21,438	18,194	11,838	13,087	2,465	31	252	126,944
PIGS.									
1939 ..	377	253	(a) 325	(a) 71	(a) 83	(a) 45	1	1	1,156
1950 ..	333	213	391	69	79	36	1	1	1,123
1951 ..	317	237	375	68	90	45	1	1	1,134
1952 ..	293	214	316	65	86	47	1	..	1,022
1953 ..	299	183	336	59	76	39	1	..	993
1954 ..	372	232	384	61	101	46	1	..	1,197

(a) December, previous year.

PRODUCTION OF WOOL (AS IN THE GREASE).

('000 lb.)

Season.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	Nor. Terr. (a)	A.C.T.	Australia.
1938–39 ..	437,141	165,829	b 179,459	102,888	78,802	17,519	35	1,909	983,582
1948–49 ..	463,208	204,080	156,655	114,905	99,429	16,846	305	1,977	1,057,405
1949–50 ..	515,043	225,243	162,256	121,248	98,889	16,958	230	2,123	1,141,990
1950–51 ..	492,130	218,266	154,667	125,384	107,341	17,250	235	2,266	1,117,539
1951–52 ..	437,837	224,958	138,767	135,484	120,401	20,513	252	1,765	1,079,977
1952–53 ..	556,552	252,195	163,149	158,658	128,148	19,807	332	2,245	1,281,086
1953–54 ..	544,934	223,481	174,414	145,509	134,442	20,116	290	2,276	1,245,462

(a) Estimated. (b) For year ended 31st December, 1938.

PRODUCTION OF MILK AND MILK PRODUCTS.

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australian Capital Territory.	Australia. (a)
WHOLE MILK FOR ALL PURPOSES. ('000 gal.)								
1938–39 ..	311,384	377,881	347,336	72,521	45,562	34,140	350	1,189,174
1949–50 ..	311,580	469,253	281,125	89,388	49,476	40,243	694	1,241,759
1950–51 ..	298,159	445,671	278,111	83,545	52,407	41,136	687	1,199,716
1951–52 ..	241,209	446,818	181,148	86,482	48,937	46,100	593	1,051,287
1952–53 ..	317,385	436,417	285,533	84,249	49,830	44,269	688	1,218,371
1953–54(b) ..	277,747	472,296	251,029	85,584	50,582	52,415	781	1,190,434
Nine months ended—								
March, 1954(b) ..	222,165	408,471	199,510	69,278	42,142	44,896	628	987,090
March, 1955(b) ..	250,127	460,298	212,839	75,206	44,896	50,233	594	1,094,193
BUTTER (Factory and Farm). (Tons.)								
1938–39 ..	53,045	58,291	70,369	9,249	7,254	5,284	8	203,500
1949–50 ..	38,842	64,671	48,785	8,762	7,008	5,525	6	173,599
1950–51 ..	36,130	59,046	47,911	7,769	7,000	6,073	5	163,934
1951–52 ..	25,242	60,342	28,211	8,131	6,880	6,507	6	135,319
1952–53 ..	38,875	58,178	49,425	7,982	6,643	6,372	5	167,480
1953–54(b) ..	31,491	64,506	42,194	7,930	6,422	7,579	5	160,127
Nine months ended—								
March, 1954(b) ..	25,992	56,720	33,887	6,430	5,607	6,637	4	135,277
March, 1955(b) ..	33,359	70,459	36,465	7,239	6,255	7,824	4	161,605
CHEESE (Factory and Farm). (Tons.)								
1938–39 ..	3,343	8,729	7,039	8,239	436	1,518	..	29,304
1949–50 ..	2,827	21,202	9,052	10,587	707	421	..	44,796
1950–51 ..	2,960	22,578	8,678	8,932	751	411	..	44,310
1951–52 ..	1,995	22,255	4,700	10,615	625	408	..	40,598
1952–53 ..	3,163	22,386	9,439	10,454	898	266	..	46,606
1953–54(b) ..	3,209	26,092	6,749	11,627	1,260	293	..	49,230
Nine months ended—								
March, 1954(b) ..	2,837	24,103	5,506	10,125	1,097	261	..	43,929
March, 1955(b) ..	2,050	18,547	6,485	11,745	943	271	..	40,041

CONDENSED, POWDERED, ETC., MILK PRODUCTS: AUSTRALIA.

Period.	Full Cream Milk Products.				Total Whole Milk Equivalent of Full Cream Milk Products.	Milk By-Products.	
	Condensed Milk (Sweetened and Unsweetened).	Concentrated Whole Milk.(c)	Powdered Full Cream Milk.	Infants' and Invalids' Foods.(d)		Powdered Skim Milk.	Powdered Buttermilk and Whey.
	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	'000 gals.	Tons.	Tons.
1938–39.. ..	15,519	(e) 1,659	10,712	(f) 1,259	33,367	(g)	(h) 556
1949–50.. ..	49,767	17,270	22,539	10,531	89,565	9,393	2,989
1950–51.. ..	50,507	18,351	17,594	12,100	84,828	6,583	3,192
1951–52.. ..	52,467	16,743	15,121	12,066	76,324	10,887	2,938
1952–53.. ..	55,385	14,493	22,393	10,042	83,411	16,103	4,073
1953–54(b) ..	42,029	17,638	18,638	11,597	73,230	18,911	4,937
Nine months ended—							
March, 1954 (b) ..	37,250	15,737	16,202	9,591	63,859	17,803	4,217
March, 1955 (b) ..	36,774	6,295	13,169	8,860	53,166	20,268	4,413

(a) Excludes Northern Territory. (b) Subject to revision. (c) Principally for use in ice-cream manufacture. (d) Includes malted milk and milk sugar and a small quantity of non-fat malted milk. (e) Incomplete. (f) Malted milk and milk sugar only. (g) Included with Powdered Full Cream Milk. (h) Excludes whey.

PRODUCTION OF MEAT (BONE-IN WEIGHT).

(Tons.)

Period.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	N. Terr.	A.C.T.	Australia.
BEEF (including Veal).									
1938–39 ..	172,001	113,985	207,007	24,731	27,733	10,946	2,235	572	559,210
1949–50 ..	185,588	124,609	211,496	32,615	35,357	12,271	3,274	1,312	606,522
1950–51 ..	192,760	136,604	232,398	36,372	33,969	14,103	3,501	1,716	651,513
1951–52 ..	184,271	137,241	177,608	31,091	32,196	14,390	3,285	1,806	581,888
1952–53 ..	217,320	123,643	252,495	31,100	31,810	13,842	3,175	1,464	674,849
1953–54 ..	220,915	140,019	257,783	34,122	35,494	11,003	3,277	1,656	704,269
Nine months ended—									
March, 1954 ..	162,981	101,874	177,949	26,165	25,117	8,083	2,481	1,242	505,892
March, 1955(*a*) ..	163,250	103,438	194,521	24,788	26,688	9,689	2,353	1,242	525,969
MUTTON.									
1938–39 ..	**72,131**	**77,445**	**18,950**	**18,495**	**14,362**	**4,004**	**5**	**356**	205,748
1949–50 ..	**64,018**	**81,270**	**16,024**	**23,388**	**15,553**	**4,819**	**57**	**710**	205,839
1950–51 ..	52,464	56,045	12,467	21,022	14,374	4,813	27	**621**	161,833
1951–52 ..	56,329	64,756	13,082	20,163	16,086	4,732	34	**648**	175,830
1952–53 ..	72,455	94,130	18,572	33,660	23,620	5,654	82	834	249,007
1953–54 ..	75,771	87,302	18,075	30,714	18,908	6,004	72	720	237,566
Nine months ended—									
March, 1954 ..	55,241	69,542	13,894	24,444	14,327	4,581	56	540	182,625
March, 1955(*a*) ..	55,007	70,657	11,516	21,134	15,418	4,671	55	540	178,998
LAMB.									
1938–39 ..	**28,535**	**58,685**	**1,506**	**15,557**	**7,852**	**2,325**	..	**84**	114,544
1949–50 ..	**55,797**	**66,984**	**1,649**	**16,525**	**6,893**	**4,107**	..	**339**	152,294
1950–51 ..	39,999	47,007	1,100	12,990	7,176	3,848	..	300	112,420
1951–52 ..	37,747	44,227	1,338	11,059	7,600	4,243	..	312	106,526
1952–53 ..	53,276	58,900	1,799	17,824	8,886	5,002	..	396	146,083
1953–54 ..	48,759	48,320	1,617	14,757	8,358	5,069	..	366	127,246
Nine months ended—									
March, 1954 ..	36,530	39,805	1,213	12,697	7,232	3,732	..	276	101,485
March, 1955(*a*) ..	37,207	52,913	1,133	18,809	6,245	4,391	..	270	120,968
PORK.									
1938–39 ..	9,617	**10,769**	11,844	**2,037**	**1,092**	**1,623**	**8**	**43**	37,033
1949–50 ..	10,260	6,645	12,911	**2,009**	**1,793**	**1,208**	**42**	**90**	34,958
1950–51 ..	9,307	7,596	11,751	**2,774**	2,116	1,499	64	150	35,257
1951–52 ..	10,382	8,716	8,604	2,551	2,550	1,981	70	170	35,024
1952–53 ..	9,611	6,925	6,548	2,836	2,436	1,920	60	132	30,468
1953–54(*a*) ..	13,602	7,584	7,132	2,325	2,028	1,576	69	132	34,448
Nine months ended—									
March, 1954(*a*) ..	10,362	5,731	5,274	1,787	1,488	1,162	55	110	25,969
March, 1955(*a*) ..	12,421	7,929	6,231	2,468	3,154	1,375	52	108	33,738
BACON AND HAM (Cured weight).									
1938–39 ..	**11,794**	**7,370**	**8,492**	**2,673**	**1,894**	**1,015**	..	..	33,238
1949–50 ..	**12,955**	**9,779**	**10,018**	**3,318**	**3,542**	**991**	..	..	40,603
1950–51 ..	12,629	7,905	8,764	3,042	3,558	946	..	..	36,844
1951–52(*b*) ..	12 514	8,964	7,669	2,969	3,683	829	..	..	36,628
1952–53(*b*) ..	13,228	8,165	9,510	3,063	3,693	886	..	..	38,545
1953–54(*a*)(*b*) ..	11,555	7,117	10,616	3,002	3,458	974	..	..	36,722
Nine months ended—									
March, 1954 (*a*)(*b*)	8,817	5,262	7,552	2,291	2,657	750	..	..	27,329
March, 1955 (*a*) (*b*)	8,755	6,245	8,375	2,505	2,494	771	..	..	29,145
TOTAL IN TERMS OF FRESH MEAT.									
1938–39 ..	**299,975**	**271,939**	**252,045**	**64,829**	**53,880**	**20,421**	**2,248**	**1,055**	966,392
1949–50 ..	**333,282**	**292,807**	**255,705**	**79,049**	**64,413**	**23,753**	**3,373**	**2,451**	1,054,833
1950–51 ..	311,704	258,002	269,634	77,296	62,473	25,554	3,682	2,787	1,011,132
1951–52 ..	305,748	267,129	211,062	68,902	63,441	26,474	3,389	2,936	949,081
1952–53 ..	370,652	294,702	292,349	89,585	71,776	27,624	3,317	2,826	1,152,831
1953–54(*a*) ..	374,762	292,903	299,044	86,002	69,490	24,978	3,418	2,874	1,153,471
Nine months ended—									
March, 1954(*a*) ..	277,105	224,108	208,600	68,210	51,777	18,579	2,592	2,168	853,139
March, 1955(*a*) ..	279,791	243,432	224,792	70,606	54,836	21,176	2,460	2,160	899,313

(*a*) Subject to revision. (*b*) Includes pressed and canned bacon and ham converted to bone-in weight.

MINING AND QUARRYING—VALUE OF OUTPUT (a).
(£'000.)

Industry and Year.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	N. Terr.	Aust.
1953.								
Metal Mining—								
Gold Mining ..	225	1,033	278	7	13,375	..	820	15,738
Silver-Lead Zinc Mining	22,817	..	(b)	(b)	310	1,903	..	31,672
Copper-Gold Mining ..	21	..	(b)	(c)	(b)	(b)	18	4,384
Tin Mining ..	303	..	211	..	68	1,258	15	1,855
Other Metal Mining ..	1,322	6	1,027	(b)	1,401	(b)	266	9,170
Total Metal Mining	24,688	1,039	10,563	2,989	15,157	7,264	1,119	62,819
Fuel Mining—								
Black Coal Mining ..	41,030	946	5,861	461	3,073	453	..	51,824
Brown Coal Mining ..	..	3,628	..	..	..	..	..	3,628
Total Fuel Mining..	41,030	4,574	5,861	461	3,073	453	..	55,452
Non-Metal (excl. Fuel) Mining and Construction Material Quarrying	6,028	(d) 3,716	(d) 746	2,753	(d) 1,781	320	102	(e) (d) 15,557
Total All Mining and Quarrying ..	71,746	(d) 9,329	(d) 17,170	6,203	(d) 20,011	8,037	1,221	(e) d 133,828
1952	77,097	(d) 8,535	(d) 17,429	6,047	(d) 17,704	8,750	(d) 1,282	d 136,844
1951(f)	67,877	6,949	10,922	4,938	13,474	10,552	(g)	114,712
1950(f)	46,102	5,274	10,829	4,428	12,037	7,049	(g)	85,719
1949(f)	35,295	4,215	7,096	3,118	9,799	4,629	(g)	64,152
1939(f)	12,914	2,789	3,438	3,648	12,496	2,145	(g)	37,430

(a) Selling value at point of sale of mine or quarry product less transport costs from mine or quarry to point of sale (i.e. value of output at mine or quarry) from 1952. For years prior to 1952 totals have been estimated by Government Statisticians in each State using values of individual products recorded by Mines Departments and other relevant data. (b) Not available for publication. (c) Less than £500. (d) Incomplete. (e) Includes £111,000 for the Australian Capital Territory. (f) Incomplete for some Non-Metal (excl. Fuel) Mining industries and for Construction Material Quarrying in some States. (g) Not available.

PRODUCTION OF PRINCIPAL MINERALS.

State or Territory and Year.	Principal Metallic Contents of Minerals Produced.							Coal.	
	Copper.	Gold.	Iron.	Lead.	Tin.	Tungsten.	Zinc.	Black.	Brown.
	tons	'000 f. oz.	'000 tons	'000 tons	tons	(a) tons	'000 tons	'000 tons	'000 tons
QUARTER ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1954.(b)									
New South Wales	616	5	..	54	66	1	47	3,807	..
Victoria ..	..	13	..	..	4	..	..	39	2,343
Queensland ..	5,575	23	..	10	(c)105	(c) 14	5	658	..
South Australia ..	(d)	..	(c) 474	(d)	..	..	..	138	..
Western Australia	..	224	76	(d)	49	1	..	270	..
Tasmania ..	2,881	5	..	3	228	307	9	73	..
Northern Territory	262	12	..	..	3	10	..	..	..
Australia—									
Dec. Qtr. 1954	9,334	282	550	67	455	333	61	4,985	2,343
Dec. Qtr. 1953	10,015	288	489	66	421	308	60	4,709	2,106
Year 1953 ..	36,585	1,075	(c) 2,132	269	1,553	1,406	239	18,411	8,257
1952 ..	18,578	980	(c) 1,883	228	1,610	1,282	196	19,404	8,104
1951 ..	17,926	896	(c) 1,605	212	1,559	1,112	189	17,608	7,836
1950 ..	17,481	870	(c) 1,418	225	1,854	730	198	16,543	7,327

(a) In terms of WO_3 (tungstic trioxide). (b) Subject to revision. (c) Estimated. (d) Less than half the unit of quantity shown.

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.

Australia.

Year.	(1) Factories.	(2) Persons Employed. (a)	(3) Salaries and Wages Paid. (b)	(4) Value of Fuel, &c., Used.	(5) Value of Materials Used.	(6) Value of Production. (c)	(7) Value of Output. (d)	(8) Value of Plant, Machinery, Land and Buildings.
	No.	No.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
1938–39 ..	26,941	565,106	106,743	15,700	281,303	203,417	500,420	274,583
1949–50 ..	41,596	917,499	385,797	54,830	929,094	661,532	1,645,456	545,151
1950–51 ..	43,147	968,918	491,718	71,682	1,235,281	843,872	2,150,835	642,336
1951–52 ..	45,844	977,517	611,789	96,629	1,513,210	1,024,867	2,634,706	769,634
1952–53 ..	47,740	933,261	635,245	109,337	1,527,805	1,082,862	2,720,004	907,980
1953–54 ..	49,576	989,542	705,137	120,458	1,743,905	1,231,113	3,095,476	1,063,146

(a) Average over whole year; includes working proprietors. (b) Excludes amounts drawn by working proprietors. (c) Value of production equals figures in column (7) *less* total of figures in columns (4) and (5). (d) Value of goods produced including amounts received for work done.

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.

States.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
1938–39.							
1. Factories .. No.	9,464	9,250	3,087	2,067	2,129	944	26,941
2. Persons employed(a) ,,	228,781	201,831	54,110	43,371	23,211	13,802	565,106
3. Salaries, Wages paid(b) £'000.	44,606	36,027	10,887	8,169	4,574	2,480	106,743
4. Value of fuel, &c. used ,,	7,652	4,000	1,423	1,018	1,169	438	15,700
5. ,, materials used ,,	120,502	82,971	42,596	20,309	9,604	5,321	281,303
6. ,, production(c) ,,	90,266	65,996	19,302	13,678	8,776	5,399	203,417
7. ,, output ,,	218,420	152,967	63,321	35,005	19,549	11,158	500,420
8. ,, land & buildings,,	57,354	42,026	12,299	8,711	6,814	3,717	130,921
9. ,, plant & mchnry.,,	62,693	38,627	18,095	9,750	8,095	6,402	143,662
1952–53.							
1. Factories .. No.	19,251	15,154	5,068	3,339	3,424	1,504	47,740
2. Persons employed(a) ,,	380,213	310,759	93,123	80,483	45,188	23,495	933,261
3. Salaries, wages paid(b) £'000.	265,910	210,878	57,591	56,546	28,344	15,976	635,245
4. Value of fuel, &c., used ,,	53,630	25,626	9,624	11,806	6,175	2,476	109,337
5. ,, materials used ,,	627,954	476,489	187,572	133,818	63,943	38,029	1,527,805
6. ,, production(c) ,,	457,742	358,032	98,209	89,189	49,192	30,498	1,082,862
7. ,, output ,,	1,139,326	860,147	295,405	234,813	119,310	71,003	2,720,004
8. ,, land & buildings,,	176,576	135,324	34,720	31,904	20,960	14,962	414,446
9. ,, plant & mchnry.,,	207,733	147,365	51,670	40,111	24,035	22,620	493,534
1953–54.							
1. Factories .. No.	20,199	15,533	5,199	3,577	3,523	1,545	49,576
2. Persons employed(a) ,,	402,595	331,277	98,119	85,503	47,459	24,589	989,542
3. Salaries, wages paid(b) £'000.	293,586	236,037	63,432	63,110	31,591	17,381	705,137
4. Value of fuel, &c., used ,,	58,447	29,080	10,655	12,500	6,972	2,804	120,458
5. ,, materials used ,,	721,311	548,111	207,383	152,590	72,468	42,042	1,743,905
6. ,, production(c) ,,	520,043	408,314	114,323	100,221	55,147	33,065	1,231,113
7. ,, output ,,	1,299,801	985,505	332,361	265,311	134,587	77,911	3,095,476
8. ,, land & buildings,,	196,724	158,389	40,003	36,579	24,739	26,997	483,431
9. ,, plant & mchnry.,,	233,022	181,058	64,160	46,788	28,195	27,492	580,715

(a) Average over whole year; includes working proprietors. (b) Excludes amounts drawn by working proprietors. (c) Value of production equals figures in line 7 *less* totals of figures in lines 4 and 5.

Value of Production(a)—Australia.

(£'000.)

Class of Industry.	1938–39.	1945–46.	1951–52.	1952–53.	1953–54.
I. Treatment of Non-metalliferous Mine and Quarry Products	5,146	5,473	21,893	23,287	26,567
II. Bricks, Pottery, Glass, &c. ..	5,572	6,065	20,946	22,170	26,229
III. Chemicals, Dyes, Explosives, Paints, Oils, Grease	12,456	22,582	63,715	67,835	82,317
IV. Industrial Metals, Machines, Conveyances	62,435	129,692	413,051	421,275	472,366
V. Precious Metals, Jewellery, Plate ..	931	1,376	5,438	5,239	6,406
VI. Textiles and Textile Goods (not dress)	10,918	22,036	56,584	64,833	78,558
VII. Skins and Leather (not Clothing or Footwear)	3,183	6,850	13,623	15,838	16,613
VIII. Clothing (except Knitted) ..	16,551	29,835	81,058	82,786	93,563
IX. Food, Drink and Tobacco ..	41,601	61,988	141,053	164,333	177,881
X. Sawmills, Joinery, Boxes, &c., Wood Turning and Carving	9,461	15,590	58,082	58,245	65,731
XI. Furniture of Wood, Bedding, &c. ..	4,200	5,467	19,320	19,315	21,367
XII. Paper, Stationery, Printing, Bookbinding, &c.	14,559	20,496	68,234	68,293	79,312
XIII. Rubber	2,761	4,182	18,045	16,627	21,102
XIV. Musical Instruments	136	207	1,416	1,378	1,845
XV. Miscellaneous Products	2,098	6,609	17,179	18,353	23,037
XVI. Heat, Light and Power	11,409	13,875	25,230	33,055	38,219
Total	203,417	352,323	1,024,867	1,082,862	1,231,113

(a) *See* note (c) on previous page.

Average Amount of Salaries and Wages Paid per Employee.(a)

(£.)

Year.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
1938–39—Males ..	239.24	224.47	238.59	220.95	235.49	212.09	231.84
Females	103.66	108.25	96.00	86.44	99.58	93.19	103.92
1949–50—Males ..	499.33	510.86	446.87	487.39	433.41	465.46	492.20
Females	270.27	291.34	240.93	257.31	231.57	265.37	274.12
1950–51—Males ..	609.05	610.44	516.83	583.37	515.67	558.67	591.41
Females	338.08	355.57	289.82	322.03	279.55	322.46	338.12
1951–52—Males ..	756.84	736.68	625.91	716.25	643.68	687.09	725.57
Females	428.40	436.60	354.96	405.70	351.30	404.71	422.04
1952–53—Males ..	807.77	793.11	701.45	779.90	711.80	761.21	782.87
Females	473.28	483.46	400.48	451.80	400.32	448.58	467.79
1953–54—Males ..	844.05	833.71	733.34	824.48	754.19	791.86	820.98
Females	499.19	510.99	418.22	465.96	421.95	477.75	493.10

(a) Excludes working proprietors and amounts drawn by them.

Average Number of Males and Females Employed(a) over whole Year, 1953-54.

Sex.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
Males	305,040	240,698	81,425	70,657	40,439	20,249	758,508
Females ..	97,555	90,579	16,694	14,846	7,020	4,340	231,034
Masculinity(b) ..	313	266	488	476	576	467	328

(a) Includes working proprietors. (b) Number of males per 100 females.

PRODUCTION OF CERTAIN COMMODITIES—AUSTRALIA.

Item.	Unit of Quantity.	1938–39.	1950–51.	1951–52.	1952–53.	1953–54.(a)	Nine Months ended March—	
							1954.(a)	1955.(a)
Beer	Mill. gal.	89	171	183	192	209	(b) 163	(b) 177
Biscuits	Mill. lb.	73.7	130.1	149.9	148.3	150.5	112.5	111.6
Blankets	Thousand	1,147	1,945	1,291	939	1,205	829	1,045
Boots, Shoes and Sandals	'000 pair.	13,967	18,905	18,509	17,709	19,650	14,795	14,427
Bricks, Clay	Million	721	689	715	659	793	569	619
Cement Building Sheets	Mill. sq. yds.	9.5	21.2	23.3	24.3	25.0	19.8	21.0
Cement, Portland	'000 tons.	868	1,235	1,237	1,439	1,700	1,228	1,439
Cloth, Woven, Woollen(c)	Mill. sq. yds.	31.7	37.9	29.1	28.6	33.0	24.9	19.1
Coal—Black	'000 tons.	12,608	16,418	19,170	18,545	19,424	14,437	14,442
Brown	" "	3,208	7,300	8,096	8,075	8,731	6,315	7,095
Confectionery—Chocolate	Mill. lb.	43.5	69.1	61.3	59.0	62.6	44.1	37.7
Other	" "	58.1	73.4	78.7	76.6	76.9	56.1	60.7
Copper, Refined(d)	'000 tons.	17.5	11.2	17.8	19.1	20.9	14.4	22.5
Electricity	Mill. kWh	4,688	10,503	11,297	12,045	13,587	9,968	11,222
Electric Motors	Thousand	31.7	523.6	610.4	601.7	977.8	723.3	911.1
Enamels, Natural and Synthetic	'000 gal.	575	1,889	2,093	2,108	2,674	1,995	2,585
Engines, Internal Combustion—								
Marine(e)	Number	2,957	2,296	2,112	1,232	1,365	1,088	1,014
Other(f)	"	2,889	31,322	30,431	21,446	23,877	18,269	16,353
Fibrous Plaster Sheets	'000 sq. yds.	7,605	15,184	16,470	15,418	16,244	11,696	12,879
Flour, Wheaten	'000 short tons	1,373	1,696	1,721	1,726	1,609	1,209	1,147
Fruit, Preserved(g)	Mill. lb.	150.7	233.5	256.1	218.1	334.5	249.6	263.4
Gas(h)	Mill. cub. ft.	21,472	37,875	40,391	40,722	42,219	31,066	31,959
Gold (Mine)	'000 fine oz.	1,621	891	909	1,038	1,111	831	817
Hosiery—Men's and Boys'	'000 doz. pr.	1,102	1,536	1,462	1,575	1,880	1,434	1,296
Women's and Girls'	" " "	2,136	1,857	1,867	2,337	2,804	2,045	2,271
Children's	" " "	611	563	462	422	563	417	337
Ice Cream	'000 gal.	4,262	17,385	17,306	13,425	13,678	10,208	9,565
Iron and Steel—Pig Iron	'000 tons.	1,105	1,313	1,430	1,692	1,827	1,384	1,436
Ingot Steel	" "	1,170	1,444	1,521	1,801	2,117	1,586	1,685
Jam	" "	37.9	55.9	48.3	34.6	37.1	29.7	28.2
Lacquers	'000 gal.	576	1,158	1,191	1,013	1,343	986	1,093
Lead (i)	'000 tons.	233	188	188	192	236	179	174
Malt, Barley and Wheaten	'000 bush.	3,733	5,772	6,242	6,793	7,253	5,187	5,690
Margarine—Table	'000 lb.	7,448	8,542	15,952	15,856	21,866	15,676	15,941
Other	" "	31,221	49,653	56,168	49,337	49,939	36,515	37,075
Meat, Canned	'000 tons.	14.4	58.0	72.3	92.7	70.5	48.4	55.4
Newsprint	" "	..	31.0	32.6	34.0	60.4	42.2	54.4
Paints, Ready Mixed	'000 gal.	2,115	5,590	5,513	4,301	5,225	3,838	4,606
Refrigerators, Domestic	Thousand	29.5	203.9	192.8	182.1	276.8	219.5	241.8
Silver, Refined	'000 fine oz.	9,455	6,563	6,681	6,388	8,360	6,236	6,038
Slippers	'000 pr.	7,704	8,641	7,578	6,966	8,513	6,207	4,741
Soap	'000 cwt.	998	1,366	1,305	1,209	1,219	893	923
Stoves, Cooking(j)—Electric (k)	Thousand	(l)	44.8	50.9	23.2	36.6	25.3	34.2
Gas	"	46.7	55.4	51.0	35.7	44.0	32.4	43.2
Solid Fuel	"	54.5	75.0	71.7	47.0	49.7	36.0	38.5
Sugar, Refined	'000 tons.	339	451	493	440	449	348.7	369.1
Sulphate of Ammonia	" "	24.3	57.9	63.8	70.2	70.8	51.7	58.5
Sulphuric Acid (100%)	" "	489	640	650	627	732	532	598
Superphosphate	" "	1,199	1,548	1,597	1,581	1,771	1,288	1,415
Tiles, Roofing—Terra Cotta	Million.	39.7	47.0	48.9	58.0	63.6	47.3	47.7
Cement	"	4.5	50.8	66.5	46.9	41.6	33.6	40.0
Timber, Sawn Native (m)	Mill. sup. ft.	717	1,261	1,393	1,340	1,406	1,048	1,069
Tobacco, Cigars and Cigarettes	Mill. lb.	23.3	31.8	33.5	36.3	41.8	30.5	32.7
Vegetables, Preserved (n)	" "	10.3	79.5	100.4	66.3	39.6	33.0	37.7
Wool, Scoured	" "	105	152	121	124	136	100	100
Wool Tops	" "	25.2	29.8	24.8	26.5	32.7	24.7	23.7
Yarn, Woollen and Worsted	" "	32.5	46.6	36.5	35.6	44.9	34.8	31.8
Zinc, Refined	'000 tons.	69.8	77.7	84.1	86.2	99.2	72.9	77.7

(a) Subject to revision. (b) Includes waste beer. (c) Includes wool in admixture with fibres other than rayon. (d) Excludes copper refined from imported blister copper. (e) Other than Diesel type. (f) Excludes motor car, motor cycle, truck, tractor and aeroplane. (g) Includes all types of preserved apples. (h) Made in gas-works only. (i) Includes lead in lead bullion, produced for export. (j) Domestic. (k) Excludes stovettes, cookers, &c. (l) Figures prior to 1948–49 not available on a comparable basis. (m) Includes sawn sleepers. (n) Includes preserved tomatoes.

ESTIMATED NET VALUE OF PRODUCTION(a)—AUSTRALIA.(b)

(PRIMARY INDUSTRIES AND FACTORIES.)

NOTE.—Depreciation and Maintenance Costs have not been deducted.

(£'000.)

Industry.	1938–39.	1949–50.	1950–51.	1951–52.	1952–53.	1953–54.
TOTAL NET VALUE OF PRODUCTION.						
Agriculture ..	41,679	218,703	208,130	246,685	276,398	268,460
Pastoral(c)	63,820	337,121	704,809	400,493	493,745	491,716
Dairying	33,782	81,102	89,352	103,776	135,745	136,956
Poultry	7,302	22,228	24,614	31,554	35,213	34,782
Bee-farming(d) ..	123	743	831	774	1,066	1,426
Total Rural ..	146,706	659,897	1,027,736	783,282	942,167	933,340
Trapping(d) ..	1,422	5,716	6,629	6,713	5,595	5,374
Forestry(d)	7,811	23,195	28,428	37,905	41,864	41,720
Fisheries(d)	1,654	4,234	4,869	5,729	6,897	7,441
Mining and Quarrying	27,375	52,327	71,150	97,199	(e)109,671	(f)104,875
Total Non-Rural ..	38,262	85,472	111,076	147,546	(e)164,027	(f)159,410
Total All Primary	184,968	745,369	1,138,812	930,828	e1,106,194	f 1,092,750
Factories	203,417	661,532	843,872	1,024,867	1,082,862	1,231,113
Total All Industries	388,385	1,406,901	1,982,684	1,955,695	e2,189,056	f 2,323,863

NET VALUE OF PRODUCTION PER HEAD OF POPULATION.

(£ *s.* *d.*)

Agriculture ..	6	0	6	27	5	8	25	3	1	29	0	7	31	15	3	30	6	4
Pastoral(c)	9	4	7	42	1	2	85	3	9	47	2	7	56	14	8	55	10	7
Dairying	4	17	9	10	2	4	10	16	0	12	4	3	15	12	0	15	9	4
Poultry	1	1	1	2	15	6	2	19	6	3	14	3	4	0	11	3	18	7
Bee-farming(d) ..	0	0	4	0	1	11	0	2	0	0	1	10	0	2	5	0	3	2
Total Rural ..	21	4	3	82	6	7	124	4	4	92	3	6	108	5	3	105	8	0
Trapping(d) ..	0	4	1	0	14	3	0	16	0	0	15	10	0	12	10	0	12	2
Forestry(d)	1	2	7	2	17	11	3	8	9	4	9	3	4	16	3	4	14	3
Fisheries (d) ..	0	4	10	0	10	7	0	11	9	0	13	6	0	15	10	0	16	10
Mining and Quarrying	3	19	2	6	10	7	8	12	0	11	8	9	e12	12	1	f 11	16	10
Total Non-Rural ..	5	10	8	10	13	4	13	8	6	17	7	4	e18	17	0	f 18	0	1
Total All Primary	26	14	11	92	19	11	137	12	10	109	10	10	e127	2	3	f123	8	1
Factories	29	8	4	82	10	7	101	19	11	120	12	0	124	8	7	139	0	7
Total All Industries	56	3	3	175	10	6	239	12	9	230	2	10	251 (e)	10	10	f262	8	8

(a) Includes amounts paid as bounty, relief, &c. (b) Excludes Australian Capital Territory and Northern Territory. (c) Distributions of profits from the 1939–45 Wartime Wool Disposals Plan have been excluded. (d) Local value. (e) Includes Northern Territory for Mining and Quarrying. (f) Includes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory for Mining and Quarrying.

ESTIMATED NET VALUE OF PRODUCTION(*a*) 1953–54.

(PRIMARY INDUSTRIES AND FACTORIES.)

NOTE.—Depreciation and Maintenance Costs have not been deducted.

(£'000.)

Industry.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.(*b*)
TOTAL NET VALUE OF PRODUCTION.							
Agriculture	68,342	65,624	55,471	41,700	28,119	9,204	268,460
Pastoral(*c*)	202,439	108,930	81,989	47,423	43,784	7,151	491,716
Dairying	43,598	46,202	28,444	10,257	3,695	4,760	136,956
Poultry	14,923	13,991	1,176	2,079	1,634	979	34,782
Bee-farming(*d*)	464	402	138	189	211	22	1,426
Total Rural	329,766	235,149	167,218	101,648	77,443	22,116	933,340
Trapping and Whaling(*d*)	1,798	2,047	389	411	511	218	5,374
Forestry(*d*)	12,905	9,475	7,797	4,373	3,615	3,555	41,720
Fisheries(*d*)	2,642	834	858	1,015	1,660	432	7,441
Mining and Quarrying	58,042	7,277	12,906	5,051	13,988	6,392	104,875
Total Non-rural	75,387	19,633	21,950	10,850	19,784	10,597	159,410
Total All Primary	403,153	254,782	189,168	112,498	97,227	32,713	1,092,750
Factories	520,043	408,314	114,323	100,221	55,147	33,065	1,231,113
Total All Industries	925,196	663,096	303,491	212,719	152,374	65,778	2,323,863

Industry.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.(*b*)
NET VALUE OF PRODUCTION PER HEAD OF POPULATION.							
	(£ *s. d.*)						
Agriculture	20 1 4	27 1 8	42 13 0	53 1 0	44 11 9	29 14 10	30 6 4
Pastoral(*c*)	59 8 10	44 19 2	63 0 10	60 6 8	69 8 7	23 2 2	55 10 7
Dairying	12 16 0	19 1 5	21 17 5	13 1 0	5 17 2	15 7 8	15 9 4
Poultry	4 7 8	5 15 6	0 18 1	2 12 10	2 11 10	3 3 3	3 18 7
Bee-farming(*d*)	0 2 8	0 3 4	0 2 1	0 4 10	0 6 8	0 1 5	0 3 2
Total Rural	96 16 6	97 1 1	128 11 5	129 6 4	122 16 0	71 9 4	105 8 0
Trapping and Whaling(*d*)	0 10 7	0 16 11	0 6 0	0 10 6	0 16 2	0 14 1	0 12 2
Forestry(*d*)	3 15 9	3 18 3	5 19 11	5 11 3	5 14 8	11 9 9	4 14 3
Fisheries(*d*)	0 15 6	0 6 10	0 13 2	1 5 10	2 12 8	1 7 11	0 16 10
Mining and Quarrying	17 0 10	3 0 1	9 18 5	6 8 6	22 3 11	20 13 2	11 16 10
Total Non-Rural	22 2 8	8 2 1	16 17 6	13 16 1	31 7 5	34 4 11	18 0 1
Total All Primary	118 18 2	105 3 2	145 9 0	143 2 5	154 3 5	105 14 3	123 8 1
Factories	152 13 11	168 10 7	87 18 0	127 10 0	87 8 11	106 17 0	139 0 7
Total All Industries	271 11 1	273 13 9	233 7 0	270 12 5	241 12 4	212 11 3	262 8 8

(*a*) Includes amounts paid as bounty relief, &c. (*b*) Excludes Australian Capital Territory and Northern Territory except for Mining and Quarrying. (*c*) Distributions of profits from the War-time Wool Disposals Plan have been excluded. (*d*) Local value.

Section III.—Building.

VALUE OF NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED, NINE MONTHS ENDED 31st MARCH, 1955.

(INCLUDING ESTIMATED VALUE OF OWNER-BUILT HOUSES.)

(£'000.)

Kind of Building.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Aust.
Houses—								
Brick, Brick Veneer, Concrete and Stone	18,828	18,436	1,504	11,827	7,858	1,385	1,041	60,879
Wood (Weatherboard, &c.)	13,950	27,182	9,500	2,156	278	3,363	319	56,748
Fibro Cement ..	24,646	2,199	1,501	1,435	8,847	79	4	38,711
Other	99	339	143	117	3	..	..	701
Total Houses ..	57,523	48,156	12,648	15,535	16,986	4,827	1,364	157,039
Flats	1,259	1,344	432	180	391	77	35	3,718
Shops with Dwellings ..	739	825	} 753	{ 81	112	55	18	} 7,662
Shops without Dwellings	1,800	1,873		{ 424	676	265	41	
Hotels, Guest Houses, Boarding Houses, &c.	1,789	232	151	213	118	11	52	2,566
Factories	5,713	6,637	478	925	2,274	200	105	16,332
Other New Buildings ..	12,533	10,512	5,485	3,284	3,879	2,488	493	38,674
Total Other Buildings	23,833	21,423	7,299	5,107	7,450	3,096	744	68,952
Total New Buildings	81,356	69,579	19,947	20,642	24,436	7,923	2,108	225,991

VALUE (WHEN COMPLETED) OF NEW BUILDINGS.

(INCLUDING ESTIMATED VALUE OF OWNER-BUILT HOUSES.)

(£'000.)

Period.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Aust.
COMMENCED.								
1949–50	(a)51,277	44,218	16,994	11,301	8,459	8,379	1,492	(a)142,120
1950–51	(a)79,750	74,750	21,082	17,827	14,186	10,336	2,439	(a)220,370
1951–52	83,460	78,740	27,605	22,606	18,724	11,004	2,559	244,698
1952–53	71,005	60,244	25,680	25,819	20,919	6,511	2,788	213,067
1953–54	111,097	87,733	27,839	25,649	26,369	9,224	2,856	290,766
Nine months ended—								
March, 1954 ..	80,750	62,904	20,220	18,185	18,881	6,315	1,918	209,173
March, 1955 ..	92,935	73,021	22,909	21,617	27,603	8,294	4,536	250,915
COMPLETED.								
1949–50	(a)40,920	34,684	13,953	9,074	5,352	5,342	1,462	(a)110,787
1950–51	(a)49,466	52,058	17,286	12,042	8,948	8,403	1,717	(a)149,920
1951–52	76,207	68,615	25,339	18,123	14,426	10,511	2,723	215,944
1952–53	98,049	76,107	26,233	25,882	22,918	10,665	2,875	262,729
1953–54	101,545	84,018	25,913	26,108	25,785	9,692	3,878	276,939
Nine months ended—								
March, 1954 ..	74,138	65,025	19,025	19,094	19,203	7,247	2,797	206.529
March, 1955 ..	81,356	69,579	19,947	20,642	24,436	7,923	2,108	225,991
UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT END OF PERIOD.								
	(a)							(a)
1949–50	75,006	56,096	11,805	10,519	10,022	8,989	4,396	176,833
1950–51	102,708	85,058	15,653	17,272	15,942	12,178	5,302	254,113
1951–52	125,674	102,670	18,728	23,813	22,302	13,770	6,208	313,165
1952–53	105,261	94,017	17,838	25,253	23,189	10,494	7,161	283,213
1953–54	120,460	101,433	19,699	23,730	25,701	11,782	7,249	310,054
March, 1954 ..	116,209	93,516	19,004	23,200	24,684	10,854	7,451	294,918
March, 1955 ..	134,858	107,188	22,605	24,958	30,470	12,522	9,992	342,593

(a) Partly estimated.

NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES COMPLETED, NINE MONTHS ENDED 31st MARCH, 1955.

(INCLUDING OWNER-BUILT HOUSES.)

Material of Outer Walls.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Aust.
Brick, Brick Veneer, Concrete and Stone ..	4,857	5,231	520	4,167	2,251	411	232	17,669
Wood (Weatherboard, &c.)	5,308	10,575	4,318	684	118	1,388	74	22,465
Fibro Cement	11,195	1,126	930	639	3,812	55	2	17,759
Other	33	123	64	54	3	..	..	277
Total	21,393	17,055	5,832	5,544	6,184	1,854	308	58,170

NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES.

(INCLUDING OWNER-BUILT HOUSES.)

Period.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Aust.
COMMENCED.								
1949–50	(a)22,055	19,643	10,009	6,109	5,031	3,664	389	(a)66,900
1950–51	(a)25,162	26,949	10,698	7,966	6,970	4,122	877	(a)82,744
1951–52	24,364	23,506	11,995	8,510	7,730	3,584	312	80,001
1952–53	21,030	16,254	9,381	7,967	7,012	2,285	528	64,457
1953–54	28,395	20,915	8,513	6,792	7,608	2,665	355	75,243
Nine months ended—								
March, 1954 ..	21,268	15,701	6,399	4,997	5,634	1,941	236	56,176
March, 1955 ..	19,247	17,081	5,849	5,197	6,540	2,212	429	56,555
COMPLETED.								
1949–50	(a)18,766	15,611	9,447	4,904	3,509	2,852	404	(a)55,493
1950–51	(a)19,771	21,161	10,275	6,725	5,160	3,914	574	(a)67,580
1951–52	23,351	23,951	11,803	7,711	6,577	3,999	584	77,976
1952–53	24,890	21,033	10,598	8,940	7,965	3,314	590	77,330
1953–54	26,513	21,101	8,961	7,522	7,627	2,630	552	74,906
Nine months ended—								
March, 1954 ..	19,360	16,396	6,730	5,706	5,652	1,831	425	56,100
March, 1955 ..	21,393	17,055	5,832	5,544	6,184	1,854	308	58,170
UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT END OF PERIOD.								
	(a)							(a)
1949–50	26,402	21,553	4,520	5,241	3,957	3,357	678	65,708
1950–51	31,793	27,341	4,943	6,529	5,764	3,558	981	80,909
1951–52	32,806	26,896	5,135	7,395	6,917	3,143	708	83,000
1952–53	28,946	22,053	3,918	6,464	5,951	2,114	646	70,092
1953–54	30,828	21,865	3,470	5,750	5,932	2,149	449	70,443
March, 1954 ..	30,854	21,358	3,587	5,778	5,933	2,224	457	70,191
March, 1955 ..	28,682	21,888	3,487	5,393	6,288	2,507	570	68,815

(a) Partly estimated.

NUMBER OF NEW FLATS COMPLETED.(a)

(INDIVIDUAL FLATS.)

Period.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Aust.
1949–50	1,075	246	16	..	101	24	32	1,494
1950–51	966	333	26	..	305	18	36	1,684
1951–52	1,225	416	29	..	215	21	100	2,006
1952–53	1,664	692	53	58	100	14	46	2,627
1953–54	1,011	689	156	99	212	13	..	2,180
Nine months ended—								
March, 1954 ..	875	502	116	60	174	5	..	1,732
March, 1955(b) ..	579	594	230	87	220	27	12	1,749

(a) Figures are additional to numbers of houses shown above. Each flat is counted as a separate unit, and the numbers shown relate to individual flats. Only new flats are included, i.e., the conversions of old buildings into flats are omitted. (b) In this period 2,108 flats were commenced, and 2,578 flats were under construction at the end of the period in Australia.

Section IV.—Oversea Trade.

COMPILED FROM INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND CUSTOMS.

OVERSEA TRADE—STATES.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

State or Territory.	1938–39.	1950–51.	1951–52.	1952–53.	1953–54.
IMPORTS.					
New South Wales	53,088	303,977	429,104	210,148	280,537
Victoria	40,462	263,066	363,193	173,775	237,683
Queensland	9,070	67,400	86,427	43,222	55,631
South Australia	6,670	56,001	93,031	43,275	51,472
Western Australia	6,137	40,258	60,236	29,874	42,525
Tasmania	1,292	12,529	20,711	13,315	13,049
Northern Territory	34	640	720	500	642
Australian Capital Territory	..	..	1	..	..
Australia	116,754	743,871	1,053,423	514,109	681,539
EXPORTS.(a)					
New South Wales	45,903	325,637	201,460	270,082	263,175
Victoria	30,819	265,044	185,994	228,118	203,581
Queensland	28,652	160,332	95,975	145,098	165,105
South Australia	14,841	107,674	97,251	122,948	110,249
Western Australia	17,070	98,843	75,781	83,143	68,424
Tasmania	3,198	24,257	18,512	21,849	17,733
Northern Territory	13	9	35	34	30
Australia	140,496	981,796	675,008	871,272	828,297

(a) In this table goods are shown against the State from which they were finally despatched.

OVERSEA TRADE—AUSTRALIA.

(f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Period.	Total Trade.	Imports.	Exports.(a)			Value per Head of Population.				
						Total Trade.	Imports.	Exports.		
			Aust. Produce.	Re-exports.	Total.			Aust. Produce.	Re-exports.	Total.
	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000	£	£	£	£	£
1938–39 ..	257,250	116,754	135,476	5,020	140,496	37.1	16.8	19.6	0.7	20.3
1950–51 ..	1,725,667	743,871	975,614	6,182	981,796	207.6	89.5	117.4	0.7	118.1
1951–52 ..	1,728,431	1,053,423	667,059	7,949	675,008	202.4	123.4	78.1	0.9	79.0
1952–53 ..	1,385,381	514,109	863,291	7,981	871,272	158.4	58.8	98.7	0.9	99.6
1953–54 ..	1,509,836	681,539	820,022	8,275	828,297	169.3	76.4	92.0	0.9	92.9
Nine months ended—										
March, 1954	1,138,740	492,329	640,620	5,791	646,411	130.2	56.3	73.3	0.6	73.9
March, 1955	1,193,972	615,592	572,107	6,273	578,380	131.8	67.9	63.2	0.7	63.9

(a) Excludes the value of stores shipped in Australian ports on board oversea ships. The values of Ships' stores in £A'000 were: 1938–39, £2,106; 1950–51, £9,368; 1951–52, £10,478; 1952–53, £11,696; and 1953–54, £10,266.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Period.	Imports.			Exports.			Excess of Exports (+) or Imports (−)		
	Merchandise.	Bullion and Specie.	Total.	Merchandise.	Bullion and Specie.	Total.	Merchandise.	Bullion and Specie.	Total.
1938–39	113,217	3,537	116,754	121,533	18,963	140,496	+8,316	+15,426	+23,742
1950–51	741,378	2,493	743,871	979,096	2,700	981,796	+237,718	+207	+237,925
1951–52	1,049,751	3,672	1,053,423	665,240	9,768	675,008	−384,511	+6,096	−378,415
1952–53	510,342	3,767	514,109	848,498	22,774	871,272	+338,156	+19,007	+357,163
1953–54	678,521	3,018	681,539	811,831	16,466	828,297	+133,310	+13,448	+146,758
Nine months ended—									
March, 1954 ..	490,242	2,087	492,329	633,631	12,780	646,411	+143,389	+10,693	+154,082
March, 1955 ..	613,986	1,606	615,592	566,415	11,965	578,380	−47,571	+10,359	−37,212

IMPORTS INTO AUSTRALIA OF THE PRODUCE OR MANUFACTURE OF THE UNDERMENTIONED COUNTRIES.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Classes of Goods.	United Kingdom.	Borneo (British).	Canada.	Ceylon.	India.	Malaya, Federation of.	New Zealand.	Singapore.	South Africa, Union of.	Bahrein Islands.	Belgium. (a)	Brazil.
1. Foodstuffs of animal origin ..	1,176	54	449	..	2	..	593	..	458	..	1	..
2. Foodstuffs of vegetable origin; non-alcoholic beverages ..	753	134	..	14,495	2,734	100	128	26	156	..	7	355
3. Spirituous and alcoholic liquors	1,218	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
4. Tobacco	1,574	..	469	..	..	..	..	..	52	..	..	13
5. Live animals	120	..	..	..	1	1	342	1	..	..	..	..
6. Animal substances, not foodstuffs	225	..	18	..	418	..	1,220	..	42	..	4	..
7. Vegetable substances and fibres; cork and manufactures; plastic moulding materials and synthetic fibres	534	2	..	209	983	107	776	1	280	2	36	815
8. Yarns and manufactured fibres, textiles and apparel ..	49,999	..	325	12	14,442	7	42	3	1	..	2,268	..
9. Oils, fats and waxes ..	5,390	11,455	1	72	463	50	262	1,958	106	11,628	141	152
10. Pigments, paints, varnishes ..	1,888	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	2	..
11. Rocks, minerals and hydrocarbons	365	..	1,338	15	124	187	38	..	1,221	31	4	1
12. Metals, metal manufactures and machinery	147,775	2	6,958	25	19	228	260	13	180	..	3,038	..
13. Rubber and leather and manufactures thereof ..	2,815	45	24	28	20	7,928	46	2	2	..	1	..
14. Wood and wicker	287	789	3,647	..	3	863	881	7	..	..	5	337
15. Earthenware, cement, china, glass and stoneware ..	7,190	..	73	..	5	..	32	..	1	..	1,125	..
16. Pulp, paper, paper manufactures and stationery ..	15,389	..	3,486	..	86	..	923	..	5	..	106	..
17. Sporting material, toys, fancy goods, jewellery and timepieces	2,380	..	6	13	32	1	2	1	488	..	109	..
18. Optical, surgical and scientific instruments	4,241	..	153	..	2	7	2	7	..	..	40	..
19 Drugs, fertilizers and chemicals	10,424	..	163	23	12	10	36	..	147	..	87	7
20. Miscellaneous	19,075	9	674	231	164	43	225	21	172	12	482	14
21. Gold and silver; bronze specie	..	..	..	..	..	..	258	..	..	..	..	..
Nine months ended—												
March, 1955	272,818	12,490	17,787	15,123	19,510	9,532	6,066	2,040	3,315	11,673	7,456	1,694
March, 1954	239,639	5,579	13,270	10,158	13,404	5,600	4,938	6,670	2,466	12,607	4,767	1,454
Year 1953–54	331,701	8,439	18,742	13,490	18,475	8,721	6,854	8,529	3,375	16,410	7,063	1,851
„ 1952–53	214,702	5,998	19,346	9,786	14,646	5,798	3,999	5,858	3,101	14,912	5,506	901
„ 1951–52	465,706	6,903	23,559	11,173	47,825	18,632	7,410	8,764	4,418	13,068	27,528	7,365
„ 1938–39	46,094	215	8,806	957	3,272	1,029	2,087	(b)	291	744	1,122	81

(a) Includes Luxemburg prior to 1954–55. (b) Included with Federation of Malaya.

Imports into Australia of the Produce or Manufacture of the Undermentioned Countries—*continued.*

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Classes of Goods.	Czecho-slovakia.	France.	Germany, Federal Republic of.	Indonesia, Republic of.	Italy.	Japan.	Nether-lands.	Norway.	Iran (Persia.)	Sweden.	United States of America.	Total, All Coun-tries.
1. Foodstuffs of animal origin ..	24	6	259	..	81	669	37	753	..	18	75	5,665
2. Foodstuffs of vegetable origin; non-alcoholic beverages ..	10	40	30	634	424	2	1,257	2	..	14	24	25,420
3. Spirituous and alcoholic liquors	3	154	10	..	31	..	18	..	..	..	2	1,483
4. Tobacco	..	1	5	41	43	..	90	3	..	..	9,052	15,008
5. Live animals	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	501
6. Animal substances, not foodstuffs	3	24	12	1	2	51	5	32	..	20	69	3,069
7. Vegetable substances and fibres; cork and manufactures; plastic moulding materials and synthetic fibres	..	93	262	528	122	54	172	21	18	93	3,811	13,797
8. Yarns and manufactured fibres, textiles and apparel ..	813	3,710	2,745	9	3,711	6,454	3,210	15	7	48	415	94,272
9. Oils, fats and waxes ..	..	838	121	15,818	591	265	259	9	2,430	16	5,609	71,649
10. Pigments, paints, varnishes ..	..	8	342	..	11	116	20	3	..	..	1,522	4,224
11. Rocks, minerals and hydrocarbons	..	4	37	..	42	92	16	10	..	48	2,003	6,171
12. Metals, metal manufactures and machinery	225	3,906	9,912	..	1,473	2,603	2,231	1,173	..	2,686	43,715	233,527
13. Rubber and leather and manufactures thereof ..	5	191	110	147	163	15	6	..	..	20	646	12,988
14. Wood and wicker	13	48	44	189	39	119	16	268	3	1,203	2,301	12,407
15. Earthenware, cement, china, glass and stoneware ..	365	255	501	2	166	490	89	17	..	263	417	11,327
16. Pulp, paper, paper manufactures and stationery ..	86	157	630	..	152	1,248	576	2,213	..	5,316	1,136	34,346
17. Sporting material, toys, fancy goods, jewellery and timepieces	123	142	1,908	..	206	403	78	46	..	44	16	8,039
18. Optical, surgical and scientific instruments	25	119	1,241	..	197	98	110	..	..	40	1,193	7,950
19. Drugs, fertilizers and chemicals	4	781	2,402	8	288	275	573	129	..	190	1,701	20,335
20. Miscellaneous	90	366	1,499	105	763	297	634	136	2	400	3,165	31,808
21. Gold and silver; bronze specie	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1,606
Nine months ended—												
March, 1955	1,789	10,843	22,070	17,482	8,505	13,251	9,397	4,830	2,460	10,419	76,877	615,592
March, 1954	1,559	9,385	14,913	15,660	8,117	4,411	6,667	3,235	36	7,607	52,627	492,329
Year 1953–54	2,147	11,793	21,365	21,972	11,182	6,545	9,618	4,737	47	10,230	73,254	681,539
„ 1952–53	1,019	9,253	13,582	21,544	5,225	4,692	5,954	2,420	323	6,786	85,168	514,109
„ 1951–52	6,513	22,390	32,718	25,530	27,712	43,582	14,975	11,650	2,292	27,537	109,141	1,053,423
„ 1950–51	5,984	16,414	14,665	21,788	16,655	15,595	8,231	4,962	15,962	16,298	60,878	743,871
„ 1938–39	572	1,172	(*a*) 4,710	8,117	781	4,666	799	432	956	1,079	16,699	(*b*)116,754

(*a*) Pre-War Germany. (*b*) Includes outside packages not distributed according to countries.

EXPORTS FROM AUSTRALIA TO THE UNDERMENTIONED COUNTRIES.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Classes of Goods.	United Kingdom.	Canada.	Ceylon.	Hong Kong.	India.	Ireland, Republic of.	Malaya, Federation of.	New Zealand.	Singapore.	Union of South Africa.	Belgium. (a)	Egypt.
1. Foodstuffs of animal origin ..	65,667	1,159	1,079	995	1,739	2	2,331	79	3,417	64	321	972
2. Foodstuffs of vegetable origin; non-alcoholic beverages ..	43,087	5,059	3,389	1,852	9,677	1,261	3,091	8,778	3,482	35	2,044	375
3. Spirituous and alcoholic liquors	284	237	2	10	8	..	22	97	35	..	..	..
4. Tobacco	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	30	..	..	..	..
5. Live animals	8	..	..	19	4	..	1	102	276	..	6	..
6. Animal substances, not foodstuffs	83,781	1,771	11	396	713	1,535	..	374	69	665	19,472	117
7. Vegetable substances and fibres; cork and manufactures; plastic moulding materials and synthetic fibres	377	6	1	1	3	..	1	301	3	18	24	2
8. Yarns and manufactured fibres, textiles and apparel ..	158	52	5	12	5	..	3	562	21	8	18	..
9. Oils, fats and waxes ..	476	1	91	20	286	..	74	131	433	23	6	17
10. Pigments, paints, varnishes ..	13	..	4	5	2	..	3	299	16	1	..	..
11. Rocks, minerals and hydrocarbons	2,965	25	..	..	16	..	..	383	3	16	1,485	..
12. Metals, metal manufactures and machinery	15,570	55	97	139	2,428	..	439	9,516	639	910	215	7
13. Rubber and leather and manufactures thereof ..	1,091	6	3	386	9	..	23	288	113	73	8	..
14. Wood and wicker	296	17	3	10	..	1	8	899	14	79	1	..
15. Earthenware, cement, china, glass and stoneware ..	4	..	..	3	24	..	..	621	7	1	..	..
16. Pulp, paper, paper manufactures and stationery ..	224	3	8	2	20	1	8	1,336	48	26	2	1
17. Sporting material, toys, fancy goods, jewellery and timepieces	33	8	6	3	1	..	1	143	27	38	12	1
18. Optical, surgical and scientific instruments	99	2	1	10	1	1	2	455	19	28	1	..
19. Drugs, fertilizers and chemicals	325	15	24	59	59	..	118	1,154	87	56	55	10
20. Miscellaneous	1,396	32	72	77	25	1	89	1,748	204	31	2	2
21. Gold and silver; bronze specie	158	..	1,754	8,654	..	..	..	34	..	..	..	..
Nine months ended—												
March, 1955	216,016	8,448	6,550	12,653	15,020	2,802	6,214	27,330	8,913	2,072	23,672	1,504
March, 1954	233,585	9,029	8,182	4,228	11,212	1,441	7,242	25,000	8,633	2,964	25,652	2,388
Year 1953–54	300,730	11,037	11,847	7,773	14,293	2,186	9,143	33,469	11,288	3,588	32,663	3,073
,, 1952–53	359,257	8,712	14,687	4,855	17,148	4,354	9,344	28,677	12,794	3,640	32,141	3,374
,, 1951–52	208,159	9,177	10,630	3,800	16,911	2,426	8,532	37,321	11,810	3,528	24,940	8,976
,, 1950–51	320,605	17,212	8,950	5,968	21,981	3,055	8,214	20,265	10,875	4,178	48,245	22,306
,, 1938–39	68,716	1,994	1,327	475	1,965	327	1,911	6,682	(b)	813	5,547	601

(a) Includes Luxemburg prior to 1954-55. (b) Included with Federation of Malaya.

Exports from Australia to the Undermentioned Countries—*continued.*

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Classes of Goods.	France.	Germany, Federal Republic of.	Indonesia, Republic of.	Italy.	Japan.	Netherlands.	Iran. (Persia.)	Poland.	Sweden.	U.S.S.R.	United States of America.	Total, All Countries.
1. Foodstuffs of animal origin ..	80	745	135	306	449	314	42	..	16	..	2,103	89,407
2. Foodstuffs of vegetable origin; non-alcoholic beverages ..	151	4,683	2,405	160	6,214	2,823	6	..	162	..	54	109,416
3. Spirituous and alcoholic liquors	..	..	15	..	56	..	..	..	..	..	1	1,230
4. Tobacco	..	..	..	..	14	5	..	..	..	..	..	254
5. Live animals	..	..	..	..	48	7	..	..	..	..	18	751
6. Animal substances, not foodstuffs	49,679	17,610	14	26,026	29,777	1,494	158	5,198	1,088	153	24,975	279,972
7. Vegetable substances and fibres; cork and manufactures; plastic moulding materials and synthetic fibres	2	7	4	46	5	13	..	..	10	..	381	1,307
8. Yarns and manufactured fibres, textiles and apparel ..	9	25	3	325	6	8	..	..	1	..	101	2,035
9. Oils, fats and waxes ..	1	552	13	6	173	960	..	..	1	..	31	4,226
10. Pigments, paints, varnishes ..	..	5	16	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	683
11. Rocks, minerals and hydrocarbons	216	268	..	525	706	323	..	4	192	..	4,360	12,942
12. Metals, metal manufactures and machinery	184	317	238	573	249	191	5	2	92	..	7,096	43,975
13. Rubber and leather and manufactures thereof ..	2	..	4	10	..	..	..	..	13	..	14	2,435
14. Wood and wicker	..	10	..	1	..	23	..	..	1	..	8	1,790
15. Earthenware, cement, china, glass and stoneware ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	859
16. Pulp, paper, paper manufactures and stationery ..	4	..	6	15	1	..	..	..	6	..	14	2,009
17. Sporting material, toys, fancy goods, jewellery and timepieces	1	27	..	1	1	..	..	..	1	..	58	448
18. Optical, surgical and scientific instruments	2	6	4	1	12	1	..	..	2	..	127	1,018
19. Drugs, fertilizers and chemicals	37	32	14	5	230	4	..	..	9	..	372	3,459
20. Miscellaneous	21	33	11	28	743	28	..	2	19	..	265	8,199
21. Gold and silver: bronze specie	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	25	11,965
Nine months ended—												
March, 1955	50,389	24,320	2,882	28,028	38,684	6,196	211	5,206	1,613	153	40,004	578,380
March, 1954	61,074	20,454	5,485	43,099	42,311	3,814	121	6,006	2,233	24,456	41,225	646,411
Year 1953–54	74,401	27,096	6,585	51,326	55,689	5,578	198	7,286	3,601	26,146	55,534	828,297
„ 1952–53	76,016	22,366	5,064	44,706	83,958	8,081	327	3,644	2,888	1,642	57,837	871,272
„ 1951–52	57,875	20,839	3,967	37,998	48,514	11,353	439	5,008	6,086	..	77,215	675,008
„ 1950–51	89,820	27,737	3,243	49,010	61,550	11,240	1,280	14,785	12,426	8,396	148,830	981,796
„ 1938–39	9,386	(*a*) 2,652	1,830	1,211	4,865	1,039	3	426	637	278	19,562	140,496

(*a*) Pre-War Germany.

CUSTOMS AND EXCISE REVENUE—AUSTRALIA.

(£A'000.)

Division.	March Quarter.		Nine months ended March.	
	1954.	1955.	1954.	1955.
CUSTOMS.				
1. Ale, Spirits and Beverages ..	512	615	1,720	2,105
2. Tobacco and Manufactures thereof	4,458	3,775	14,776	11,784
3. Sugar	1	1	2	6
4. Agricultural Products and Groceries	527	524	1,316	1,540
5. Textiles, &c. and Attire ..	3,048	3,398	7,661	9,604
6. Metals and Machinery	3,127	4,133	8,461	11,657
7. Oils, Paints and Varnishes ..	7,254	6,032	21,139	17,341
8. Earthenware, &c.	422	581	1,140	1,749
9. Drugs and Chemicals	210	266	538	786
10. Wood, Wicker and Cane ..	274	482	732	1,197
11. Jewellery and Fancy Goods ..	572	647	1,875	2,773
12. Leather and Rubber	319	450	929	1,317
13. Paper and Stationery	220	391	595	1,129
14. Vehicles	1,344	2,611	3,811	7,150
15. Musical Instruments	15	23	39	66
16. Miscellaneous	594	813	1,685	2,427
Primage	2,108	2,143	6,471	6,511
Ships' Stores	32	26	93	73
Other Receipts	155	120	565	412
Total Customs	25,192	27,031	73,548	79,627
EXCISE.				
Beer	18,636	20,499	54,468	58,783
Cigarette Papers and Tubes ..	272	245	815	763
Coal	119	118	424	440
Matches	263	261	822	825
Petrol	1,148	2,806	3,207	9,172
Playing Cards	9	11	38	37
Spirits	1,289	1,226	4,686	4,656
Tobacco, Cigars, Cigarettes and Snuff	9,903	11,013	29,394	32,657
Other Excise, including Licences ..	98	102	320	368
Total Excise	31,737	36,281	94,174	107,701
Total Gross Customs and Excise Collections	56,929	63,312	167,722	187,328
Refunds and Drawback paid ..	774	1,554	3,314	4,589
TOTAL NET REVENUE ..	56,155	61,758	164,408	182,739

VALUE OF COMMODITIES IMPORTED INTO AND EXPORTED FROM AUSTRALIA.

IMPORTS.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Particulars.	March Quarter.		Nine months ended March.	
	1954.	1955.	1954.	1955.
CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN.				
Cheese	44	82	119	249
Fish—				
Fresh or preserved by cold process	353	494	898	1,113
Preserved in airtight containers	1,006	1,188	1,879	2,886
Other	135	157	342	418
Lactose	51	42	179	94
Meats—				
Sausage casings	169	254	431	658
Other	9	22	599	47
Other foodstuffs of animal origin	37	73	135	200
Total, Class I.	1,804	2,312	4,582	5,665
CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN; NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES.				
Cocoa butter	434	411	1,278	1,677
Cocoa beans, cocoa mass, paste or slab	1,064	251	1,341	1,464
Coffee and chicory	399	541	1,552	1,587
Confectionery, including cocoa and chocolate	37	63	100	191
Fruit, dried, dates	169	57	253	266
Grain and pulse	157	55	344	205
Hops	213	185	412	269
Nuts, edible	365	216	1,171	840
Pickles and sauces	32	51	70	110
Sago and tapioca	9	12	69	44
Spices	155	155	476	592
Sugar and sugar syrups	22	10	102	67
Tea	3,943	7,460	10,191	17,260
Vegetables, preserved in airtight containers	43	45	62	335
Other foodstuffs of vegetable origin	115	177	324	513
Total, Class II.	7,157	9,689	17,745	25,420
CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS AND ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS.				
Ale, beer, porter, cider and perry	10	11	30	30
Spirits (beverages)—				
Whisky	289	341	667	1,130
Other	53	78	114	222
Wine, fermented	34	44	63	101
Total, Class III.	386	474	874	1,483

Value of Commodities, &c.—Imports—*continued*.
(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment).

Particulars.	March Quarter.		Nine months ended March.	
	1954.	1955.	1954.	1955.
CLASS IV.—TOBACCO.				
Cigarettes	944	655	4,367	1,715
Cigars	29	22	87	80
Snuff	1	..	2	..
Tobacco—				
Manufactured	23	44	79	104
Unmanufactured	5,182	7,352	10,070	13,109
Total, Class IV.	6,179	8,073	14,605	15,008
CLASS V.—LIVE ANIMALS	201	296	363	501
CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES, NOT FOODSTUFFS.				
Coarse hair and fibre	212	148	579	402
Hides and skins—				
Calf and cattle	35	14	128	94
Furred skins	145	130	355	426
Goat	54	67	136	240
Other	25	17	64	61
Shells	71	69	181	185
Silk, raw	21	15	57	46
Wool	663	749	1,643	1,482
Other animal substances	44	38	135	133
Total, Class VI.	1,270	1,247	3,278	3,069
CLASS VII.—VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES AND FIBRES; CORK AND MANUFACTURES; AND SYNTHETIC FIBRES.				
Copra	602	542	1,620	1,602
Cork and manufactures	144	205	345	491
Fibres—				
Coir	80	68	232	184
Cotton, raw	1,931	1,786	5,437	6,070
Flax and hemp	21	32	121	100
Jute	269	116	559	501
Kapok	75	75	326	297
Synthetic fibres and filaments	203	203	643	757
Other	470	269	1,319	955
Gums and resins	298	336	831	966
Seeds—				
Gardening, agricultural and horticultural	293	489	701	1,083
Oil seeds	71	41	278	175
Tanning substances	133	136	412	410
Other vegetable substances	71	88	183	206
Total, Class VII.	4,661	4,386	13,007	13,797

Value of Commodities, &c.—Imports—*continued.*
(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Particulars.	March Quarter.		Nine months ended March.	
	1954.	1955.	1954.	1955.
CLASS VIII.—YARNS AND MANUFACTURED FIBRES, TEXTILES AND APPAREL.				
(*a*) *Yarns and Manufactured Fibres*—				
Bags and sacks—				
Corn and flour	204	1,258	3,064	6,287
Woolpacks	411	1,099	890	2,158
Other	18	38	68	81
Cordage and twines and manufactures thereof	105	116	275	305
Sewing and other cotton	565	608	1,766	1,627
Yarns—				
Cotton	705	991	2,204	2,539
Hair	129	106	300	181
Synthetic fibre	2,487	2,084	7,682	6,478
Woollen	89	65	173	165
Other	44	33	85	73
Total, Class VIII.(*a*)	4,757	6,398	16,507	19,894
(*b*) *Textiles*—				
Blankets and blanketing	90	92	211	195
Floor coverings	3,485	2,864	7,695	8,959
Articles of furnishing, drapery and napery—				
Handkerchiefs, serviettes and tablecloths	166	254	823	1,184
Other	109	172	381	509
Piece-goods—				
Canvas and duck	306	332	1,017	1,068
Cotton and linen	10,159	10,346	28,741	31,676
Fabrics and felts, impregnated	249	268	655	761
Jute, including hessians and brattice cloth	720	797	2,062	2,026
Synthetic fibre	3,509	3,660	10,326	11,333
Silk	192	231	542	696
Velvets, velveteens, &c.	626	743	1,010	1,277
Woollen	490	719	1,050	1,402
Felts	112	182	290	400
Other	292	283	753	771
Towels and towelling	296	331	785	1,079
Other textiles	148	169	449	492
Total, Class VIII.(*b*)	20,949	21,443	56,790	63,828
(*c*) *Apparel*—				
Buttons, including snap fasteners	118	94	297	254
Footwear	207	273	467	769
Garments—				
Knitted—				
Hosiery	237	369	578	943
Outerwear	87	369	143	559
Underwear	51	45	139	178
Other	99	28	132	72

Value of Commodities, &c.—Imports—*continued.*
(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Particulars.	March Quarter.		Nine months ended March.	
	1954.	1955.	1954.	1955.
CLASS VIII.—YARNS AND MANUFACTURED FIBRES, TEXTILES AND APPAREL—*continued.*				
(*c*) *Apparel*—continued.				
Garments—*continued.*				
Not knitted—				
Outerwear—				
Men's and boys'	214	351	324	503
Women's and girls' ..	122	198	250	375
Sleeping wear, underwear, shirts and other sewn garments	33	43	111	190
Gloves	475	555	1,121	1,384
Hats and caps	302	263	754	748
Trimmings and ornaments—				
Embroidery in the piece ..	63	109	208	339
Lace, nets and veilings ..	815	747	2,053	2,159
Ribbons and galloons ..	137	93	341	311
Other	293	362	766	931
Other apparel	251	296	751	835
Total, Class VIII.(*c*)	3,504	4,195	8,435	10,550
Total, Class VIII.	29,210	32,036	81,732	94,272
CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS AND WAXES.				
Fats, greases and waxes	206	260	489	997
Oils—				
Castor	33	51	235	147
Linseed	421	281	1,135	982
Olive	183	233	490	589
Peanut (china)	27	51	179	228
Petroleum—				
Crude	2,748	7,863	6,884	19,553
Kerosene	1,308	1,626	4,836	5,419
Lubricating (mineral)	903	1,710	2,279	4,236
Residual and solar	3,924	3,339	13,061	11,355
Spirit	10,969	8,842	30,760	25,710
Turpentine substitutes	155	222	570	686
Other	105	168	304	453
Tung (china wood)	43	51	222	212
Other	158	281	447	1,082
Total, Class IX.	21,183	24,978	61,891	71,649
CLASS X.—PIGMENTS, PAINTS AND VARNISHES.				
Colour pigments—				
Black	243	320	816	1,038
Titanium oxide and titanium white ..	356	556	991	1,036
Other	220	257	524	710
Dyes, natural and synthetic	403	461	1,137	1,238
Paints, colours and varnishes	57	71	177	202
Total, Class X.	1,279	1,665	3,645	4,224

Value of Commodities, &c.—Imports—*continued.*
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Particulars.	March Quarter.		Nine months ended March.	
	1954.	1955.	1954.	1955.
CLASS XI.—ROCKS, MINERALS AND HYDROCARBONS.				
Abrasives (natural)	38	192	201	462
Asbestos	373	774	1,365	2,397
Sulphur	587	659	1,821	1,914
Other rocks, minerals, &c.	274	457	840	1,398
Total, Class XI.	1,272	2,082	4,227	6,171
CLASS XII.—METALS, METAL MANUFACTURES AND MACHINERY.				
(a) *Metals and Metal Manufactures*—				
Aluminium and aluminium-base alloys (excluding wire and cable)	651	1,128	2,022	2,915
Bolts, nuts, rivets and washers	134	168	431	494
Chain and chains of base metal	164	198	441	488
Copper and copper-base alloys (excluding wire and cable)	204	3,526	582	8,031
Cutlery	526	688	1,669	1,887
Fencing posts and droppers	201	114	264	564
Heating and cooking appliances	346	398	894	981
Iron and steel (including special ferro-alloys)—				
Bars, rods, hoop, ingots, &c.	647	2,500	1,423	5,634
Ferro-alloys (mainly in lump form)	135	389	277	736
Pig, scrap and powder	3	2	8	7
Pipes, tubes and fittings therefor	772	665	2,081	1,921
Plate and sheet—				
Galvanized	405	1,248	1,035	4,676
Plain	900	3,283	2,070	6,888
Tinned, plated, polished and decorated	2,546	5,084	5,008	11,446
Structural	261	973	755	2,296
Kitchenware	91	111	248	314
Lamps and lampware	122	110	292	322
Leaf and foil	240	251	578	631
Meters and parts	805	574	2,128	1,842
Pins, hooks, eyes, needles and slide fasteners	71	97	195	236
Tin	10	110	360	232
Tools of trade	915	1,236	2,556	3,419
Vehicles—				
Aircraft and parts	755	3,311	4,538	6,585
Cycles and cycle parts	121	122	430	428
Motor cycles, side-cars, &c.	440	467	986	1,216
Motor vehicles—				
Bodies and parts	2,048	3,266	6,012	8,746
Chassis and parts	10,877	14,653	30,074	40,670
Railway and tramway vehicles (including trolley buses) and parts	1,004	135	3,046	843
Other and parts	1,834	2,638	5,242	6,881

Value of Commodities, &c.—Imports—*continued.*

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Particulars.	March Quarter.		Nine months ended March.	
	1954.	1955.	1954.	1955.
CLASS XII.—METALS, METAL MANUFACTURES AND MACHINERY—*continued.*				
(*a*) *Metals and Metal Manufactures*—continued.				
Wire, single strand—				
Iron and steel	83	703	222	1,487
Copper and copper base alloys	79	25	252	114
Other	89	69	236	192
Wire manufactures—*				
Aluminium and aluminium-base alloy electrical conductor	209	3	764	89
Iron and steel	434	620	1,021	1,481
Other	9	5	45	23
Other metals and semi-manufactures†	365	544	1,126	1,377
Other metal manufactures	2,651	2,319	7,473	7,110
Total, Class XII.(*a*)	31,147	51,733	86,784	133,202
(*b*) *Dynamo Electrical Machinery and Electrical Appliances and Equipment*—				
Batteries and accumulators	108	114	288	302
Cable and wire, covered	328	455	1,512	1,346
Communication equipment including radio	641	901	1,843	2,750
Dynamo electrical machines—				
Electrical motors	809	745	1,999	2,300
Other	993	477	3,017	2,313
Heating and cooking appliances	140	324	344	815
Ignition equipment for internal combustion engines—				
Sparking plugs and parts	161	188	391	461
Other	72	72	188	208
Lamps, bulbs, tubes, &c.	346	438	879	1,258
Measuring and recording instruments	110	209	346	524
Protective equipment	133	217	385	541
Regulating, starting and controlling apparatus	1,097	1,316	3,171	3,404
Transformers and rectifiers	1,049	597	3,024	1,686
Other electrical machinery and appliances	567	740	1,472	2,063
Total, Class XII.(*b*)	6,554	6,793	18,859	19,971
(*c*) *Machines and Machinery (except Dynamo Electrical)*—				
Air and gas compressors	159	406	610	1,023
Agricultural, horticultural, &c., machinery—				
Harvesting	137	193	1,083	2,232
Other	593	593	2,652	1,862
Cranes, hoists and other lifting machinery	301	225	1,202	805
Dairying machinery	153	198	482	562
Electrical power station machinery	134	32	1,150	181
Hand tools (power driven)	424	667	1,148	1,601

* For cable and wire, covered, *see* Class XII.(*b*). † Includes all basic shapes, castings and forgings in the rough and pipes and tubes flexible or coated.

Value of Commodities, &c.—Imports—*continued.*
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Particulars.	March Quarter.		Nine months ended March.	
	1954.	1955.	1954.	1955.
CLASS XII.—METALS, METAL MANUFACTURES AND MACHINERY—*continued.*				
(*c*) *Machines and Machinery (except Dynamo Electrical)*—continued.				
Household machines (except sewing and refrigerating)—				
Vacuum cleaners	146	130	269	528
Washing machines ..	364	241	687	858
Other	213	264	459	616
Metal-working machinery—				
Machine tools	1,037	1,456	3,573	3,764
Other	1,047	671	2,435	2,145
Motive power (including electrical) machinery—				
Aircraft engines and parts ..	1,305	1,362	3,750	3,795
Power boilers and parts ..	651	221	1,724	623
Tractors and parts	4,971	5,446	13,770	16,024
Turbines and parts ..	849	591	2,020	1,337
Other and parts	3,283	3,123	9,323	9,498
Office and accounting machines ..	1,226	1,633	3,206	4,135
Oil refining machinery	643	486	1,735	1,136
Printing machinery	408	545	1,050	1,484
Pumps	291	210	789	683
Refrigerating appliances ..	328	324	947	1,006
Roller and ball bearings.. ..	659	931	1,828	2,032
Sewing machines	770	866	2,019	2,992
Stone-cutting, road-making and mining machinery	1,138	1,790	3,596	5,887
Textile-working machinery and appliances—				
Knitting machines	485	298	1,042	900
Other	631	709	1,728	2,016
Other machines and machinery ..	3,158	3,772	9,006	10,629
Total, Class XII.(*c*)	25,504	27,383	73,283	80,354
Total, Class XII.	63,205	85,909	178,926	233,527
CLASS XIII.—RUBBER AND LEATHER AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF.				
(*a*) *Rubber and Rubber Manufactures*—				
Rubber—				
Crude, waste and masticated ..	1,393	3,527	5,535	8,942
Substitutes	45	62	123	186
Rubber manufactures—				
Elastics and rubber thread ..	318	320	787	921
Tyres and tubes	365	657	947	1,676
Other	214	288	555	735
Total, Class XIII.(*a*)	2,335	4,854	7,947	12,460
(*b*) *Leather and Leather Manufactures*—				
Leather	91	93	266	270
Leather manufactures	57	90	158	258
Total, Class XIII.(*b*)	148	183	424	528
Total, Class XIII.	2,483	5,037	8,371	12,988

Value of Commodities, &c.—Imports—*continued.*
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Particulars.	March Quarter.		Nine months ended March.	
	1954.	1955.	1954.	1955.
CLASS XIV.—WOOD AND WICKER.				
Manufactures of wood and wicker, including plywood and veneers	281	502	731	1,150
Timber—				
Dressed, bent or cut into shape	278	918	814	1,899
Undressed (including logs)	2,343	3,427	6,484	9,211
Wicker, bamboo and cane	49	45	179	147
Total, Class XIV.	2,951	4,892	8,208	12,407
CLASS XV.—EARTHENWARE, CEMENT, CHINA, GLASS AND STONEWARE.				
Abrasives (synthetic)	285	291	619	712
Cement	148	227	476	693
Crockery and other householdware	1,127	1,423	2,909	4,017
Glass	705	811	2,274	2,858
Glassware	395	539	1,085	1,703
Porcelain for electrical purposes	36	81	196	192
Tiles	274	331	672	902
Other earthenware, china, &c.	127	103	290	250
Total, Class XV.	3,097	3,806	8,521	11,327
CLASS XVI.—PAPER AND STATIONERY.				
(*a*) *Pulp, Paper and Board*—				
Millboard and other boards	293	473	787	1,397
Paper—				
Printings—				
Newsprint	2,078	4,584	7,341	10,086
Other	1,001	1,510	2,522	3,782
Tissue and tissue cap (including cigarette)	421	519	1,117	1,631
Wrapping and bag papers	849	1,267	2,196	3,165
Writing and typewriting	378	734	1,076	1,495
Other	365	574	935	1,389
Pulp for manufacturing paper	1,167	1,142	2,731	3,605
Total, Class XVI.(*a*)	6,552	10,803	18,705	26,550
(*b*) *Paper Manufactures and Stationery*—				
Books (printed), directories, &c.	1,276	1,488	4,435	4,544
Pens and pencils—				
Fountain pens and propelling pencils	193	251	726	877
Other	88	89	203	273
Other paper manufactures, stationery, &c.	512	662	1,477	2,102
Total, Class XVI.(*b*)	2,069	2,490	6,841	7,796
Total, Class XVI.	8,621	13,293	25,546	34,346

Value of Commodities, &c.—Imports—*continued.*
(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Particulars.	March Quarter.		Nine months ended March.	
	1954.	1955.	1954.	1955.
CLASS XVII.—SPORTING MATERIAL, TOYS, FANCY GOODS, JEWELLERY AND TIMEPIECES.				
Fancy goods	258	311	760	1,276
Jewellery, including imitation jewellery	309	326	810	1,309
Precious stones, unset	181	145	703	770
Sporting material	103	143	284	455
Timepieces—				
Clocks and clock movements	242	312	546	1,032
Watches and watch movements	341	366	1,160	1,504
Toys	209	249	1,119	1,693
Total, Class XVII.	1,643	1,852	5,382	8,039
CLASS XVIII.—OPTICAL, SURGICAL AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS AND APPLIANCES AND PHOTOGRAPHIC GOODS, N.E.I.				
Cameras and magic lanterns and accessories therefor	304	463	786	1,339
Cinematographs	102	203	254	494
Films for cinematographs	443	498	1,250	1,364
Photographic goods	91	156	260	418
Instruments and materials—				
Optical and ophthalmic	213	243	703	986
Surgical and dental	492	618	1,384	1,666
Other scientific instruments and appliances	537	584	1,517	1,683
Total, Class XVIII.	2,182	2,765	6,154	7,950
CLASS XIX.—CHEMICALS, MEDICINAL AND PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS, ESSENTIAL OILS AND FERTILIZERS.				
Acids	132	392	332	1,061
Alcohols and spirits	(a)	169	(a)	586
Drugs and medicinal preparations—				
Antibiotics	(a)	409	(a)	1,276
Vitamin and vitamin preparations	(a)	93	(a)	362
Other	(a)	1,656	(a)	3,972
Essential oils	110	169	310	428
Fertilizers—				
Potash salts	775	113	2,459	398
Rock phosphates		388		1,558
Other		186		1,000
Perfumery and toilet preparations	92	138	324	523
Soap and soap substitutes	99	120	296	385
Sodium cyanide	(a)	50	(a)	141
Tetraethyl lead	(a)	288	(a)	584
Inorganic compounds, n.e.i.	(a)	944	(a)	2,788
Organic compounds, n.e.i.	(a)	1,513	(a)	4,594
Chemical materials and products, n.e.i.	(a)	250	(a)	679
Total, Class XIX.	5,586	6,878	14,447	20,335

(a) Not available separately.

Value of Commodities, &c.—Imports—*continued.*
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Particulars.	March Quarter.		Nine months ended March.	
	1954.	1955.	1954.	1955.
CLASS XX.—MISCELLANEOUS.				
Antiques, paintings, works of art ..	56	140	166	376
Arms, ammunition and explosives ..	350	1,300	819	2,249
Bags, baskets, purses, wallets, &c. ..	127	155	412	700
Brushware	72	91	204	281
Military, Naval and Air Force, stores and equipment	751	882	2,838	2,012
Musical instruments and parts—				
Gramophones, &c., including records ..	286	238	858	737
Other	120	180	309	506
Outside packages	3,333	3,967	9,442	11,304
Packings for engines, boilers, &c. ..	231	418	688	1,039
Passengers' effects	595	752	1,985	2,037
Piece-goods manufactured from synthetic resins	72	100	279	319
Prefabricated buildings	486	85	3,954	823
Synthetic resins	1,271	1,360	3,793	3,770
Vessels (ships)	383	798	1,471	2,252
Wall and ceiling boards, parts and decorations	105	311	315	686
All other articles	431	971	1,205	2,717
Total, Class XX.	8,669	11,748	28,738	31,808
Total, Merchandise	173,039	223,418	490,242	613,986
CLASS XXI.—GOLD AND SILVER; BRONZE SPECIE.				
Gold, including gold in matte	1,187	402	2,040	1,575
Silver, including silver in matte ..	21	4	47	31
Total, Class XXI.	1,208	406	2,087	1,606
SUMMARY.				
Importing States—				
New South Wales	73,441	93,327	200,753	248,412
Victoria	59,826	78,666	172,563	220,160
Queensland	14,293	16,558	41,462	50,784
South Australia	12,984	18,340	37,044	48,952
Western Australia	9,618	13,117	30,313	36,453
Tasmania	3,927	3,520	9,768	10,333
Northern Territory	158	296	426	498
GRAND TOTAL	174,247	223,824	492,329	615,592

VALUE OF COMMODITIES IMPORTED INTO AND EXPORTED FROM AUSTRALIA.

EXPORTS.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Particulars.	March Quarter.		Nine months ended March.	
	1954.	1955.	1954.	1955.
CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN.				
Butter	4,930	8,261	11,877	17,909
Cheese	1,910	1,858	4,427	4,283
Eggs	2,623	1,448	8,025	5,703
Fish, fresh or preserved by cold process	628	921	803	1,139
Ghee	146	106	393	287
Honey	172	197	451	543
Infants' and invalids' foods	319	402	1,437	1,043
Margarine	13	26	57	55
Meats—				
Bacon and hams	128	71	537	314
Potted or concentrated, including meat extracts	109	207	654	673
Preserved by cold process—				
Beef and veal	2,602	5,072	17,785	17,769
Lamb	1,043	2,356	3,044	9,686
Mutton	861	443	1,645	1,262
Offals	337	736	1,379	2,042
Pork	70	225	337	705
Poultry	95	71	549	475
Rabbit and hare	368	261	1,898	1,027
Preserved in airtight containers	4,095	4,204	15,342	15,958
Sausage casings	451	536	1,069	1,437
Other	93	171	321	584
Milk and cream—				
Preserved, condensed, concentrated	1,198	1,338	4,107	2,864
Dried, including malted	1,486	1,358	3,714	3,553
Other foodstuffs of animal origin	213	111	516	96
Total, Class I.	23,890	30,379	80,367	89,407
CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN; NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES.				
Biscuits, cakes and puddings	82	82	309	289
Confectionery, cocoa and chocolate	40	74	282	242
Foods for animals	210	89	969	347
Fruit juices, syrups and substitutes	455	232	831	553
Fruit—				
Dried—				
Currants	9	63	532	562
Raisins	34	672	3,245	4,433
Other	75	175	419	658
Fresh—				
Apples	868	547	1,173	819
Citrus	29	19	718	676
Other	700	716	747	741
Frozen	2	..	92	..
Preserved in airtight containers	4,716	3,149	8,349	8,710
Pulped	338	102	558	220

Value of Commodities, &c.—Exports—*continued.*
(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Particulars.	March Quarter.		Nine months ended March.	
	1954.	1955.	1954.	1955.
CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN; NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES —*continued.*				
Grain and pulse—				
Prepared—				
Breakfast foods	98	178	624	356
Flour (wheaten)—				
Plain white	6,200	6,402	23,098	14,864
Other	224	310	664	710
Rice	815	461	2,778	1,535
Other	331	288	845	768
Unprepared—				
Barley	5,385	5,062	9,775	8,053
Maize	1	76	353	159
Oats	17	515	855	793
Peas (not split)	310	264	483	402
Sorghum	..	114	865	572
Wheat	6,140	13,058	25,634	34,137
Other	82	309	361	595
Jams and fruit jellies	54	76	262	300
Soups	169	165	467	368
Sugar (cane)	7,201	7,337	29,528	26,391
Tea	58	100	150	275
Vegetables—				
Preserved in liquid or pulped	131	99	468	224
Other	136	83	374	306
Other foodstuffs of vegetable origin	106	112	336	358
Total, Class II.	35,016	40,929	116,144	109,416
CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS AND ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS.				
Ale, beer, cider, &c.	115	173	261	398
Spirits (beverages)	72	93	212	267
Wine	158	194	612	565
Total, Class III.	345	460	1,085	1,230
CLASS IV.—TOBACCO.				
Cigarettes, cigars and snuff	27	27	68	87
Tobacco	47	40	149	167
Total, Class IV.	74	67	217	254
CLASS V.—LIVE ANIMALS.				
Cattle	14	75	67	256
Horses	31	55	153	184
Sheep	73	102	236	247
Other live animals	33	25	74	64
Total, Class V.	151	257	530	751

Value of Commodities, &c.—Exports—*continued.*
(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Particulars.	March Quarter.		Nine months ended March.	
	1954.	1955.	1954.	1955.
CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES, NOT FOODSTUFFS.				
Hides and skins—				
Calf, cattle and horse	333	635	1,272	1,530
Kangaroo and wallaby	44	69	195	235
Opossum	1	1	104	32
Rabbit and hare	88	250	777	803
Sheep and lamb	4,053	4,030	12,035	12,402
Other (including sheepskin and lamb-skin pieces)	64	77	220	237
Pearl-shell	186	241	578	610
Trochus-shell	140	172	438	464
Wool—				
Greasy	100,865	92,237	292,621	232,103
Scoured and washed, slipe, carbonized, tops, noils and waste	9,758	10,781	34,050	31,144
Other animal substances	110	146	399	412
Total, Class VI.	115,642	108,639	342,689	279,972
CLASS VII.—VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES AND FIBRES; CORK AND MANUFACTURES; AND SYNTHETIC FIBRES.				
Seeds	57	527	405	849
Tanning substances	149	216	377	320
Other vegetable substances	52	49	165	138
Total, Class VII.	258	792	947	1,307
CLASS VIII.—YARNS AND MANUFACTURED FIBRES, TEXTILES AND APPAREL.				
(*a*) *Yarns and Manufactured Fibres*—				
Yarns—				
Woollen	18	32	103	154
Other	24	95	75	165
Other manufactured fibres ..	35	29	128	93
Total, Class VIII.(*a*)	77	156	306	412
(*b*) *Textiles*—				
Blankets and blanketing ..	4	2	16	8
Piece-goods—				
Cotton	37	26	142	108
Wholly or chiefly of rayon or other synthetic fibres ..	49	43	100	256
Woollen	51	25	146	82
Other	14	16	41	53
Other textiles	165	253	532	754
Total, Class VIII.(*b*)	320	365	977	1,261

Value of Commodities, &c.—Exports—*continued.*
(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Particulars.	March Quarter.		Nine months ended March.	
	1954.	1955.	1954.	1955.
CLASS VIII.—YARNS AND MANUFACTURED FIBRES, TEXTILES AND APPAREL—*continued.*				
(c) *Apparel*—				
Footwear	20	16	63	54
Outerwear	25	31	72	115
Underwear and sleeping attire	19	20	52	66
Other apparel	18	33	106	127
Total, Class VIII.(c)	82	100	293	362
Total, Class VIII.	479	621	1,576	2,035
CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS AND WAXES.				
Fats and waxes, &c.—				
Edible animal fats, excluding tallow	18	40	66	128
Fatty acids	51	28	193	84
Tallow, edible and inedible	791	582	2,277	1,367
Other	36	37	115	120
Oils—				
Petroleum and shale oils	165	147	475	913
Other	51	45	1,686	1,614
Total, Class IX.	1,112	879	4,812	4,226
CLASS X.—PIGMENTS, PAINTS AND VARNISHES.				
Lead oxides	44	43	186	163
Paints and enamels prepared for use	73	111	221	301
Other pigments, paints and varnishes	68	59	218	219
Total, Class X	185	213	625	683
CLASS XI.—ROCKS, MINERALS AND HYDROCARBONS.				
Asbestos, crude and fibre	77	90	305	199
Ashphalt, tar and pitch	53	73	209	264
Coal	460	241	1,356	935
Coke	54	20	183	103
Ores and concentrates, including residues and wastes—				
Lead and silver-lead	685	1,319	3,112	3,108
Titanium and zirconium	341	711	1,303	2,154
Tungsten	414	810	2,087	2,345
Zinc	891	679	2,471	2,393
Other	99	311	1,025	1,156
Other stones and minerals	69	77	215	285
Total, Class XI.	3,143	4,331	12,266	12,942

Value of Commodities, &c.—Exports—*continued.*
(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Particulars.	March Quarter.		Nine months ended March.	
	1954.	1955.	1954.	1955.
CLASS XII.—METALS, METAL MANUFACTURES AND MACHINERY.				
(*a*) *Metals and Metal Manufactures*—				
Metals and semi-manufactures—				
Cadmium	74	61	390	193
Copper	1,008	84	3,499	1,338
Copper-base alloys	175	94	645	416
Iron and steel	1,988	1,428	11,621	4,804
Lead—				
Bullion and silver-lead bullion	685	1,856	3,172	5,032
Pig	4,980	3,824	14,890	13,218
Other	254	593	820	1,290
Zinc	1,083	1,168	2,780	3,196
Other metals and semi-manufactures of metal	292	53	944	205
Metal manufactures—				
Builders' and engineering hardware	104	88	366	320
Tools of trade	77	89	247	310
Vehicles and parts	508	792	1,985	2,388
Other metal manufactures ..	592	776	2,180	2,355
Total, Class XII.(*a*)	11,820	10,906	43,539	35,065
(*b*) *Dynamo Electrical Machinery and Appliances and Equipment*—				
Batteries and accumulators ..	83	100	287	332
Communication equipment ..	144	157	385	577
Other electrical appliances ..	185	229	742	842
Total, Class XII.(*b*)	412	486	1,414	1,751
(*c*) *Machines and Machinery (except Dynamo Electrical)*—				
Aircraft engines and parts ..	174	398	738	1,067
Agricultural, horticultural &c. machinery	342	384	980	1,001
Mining and metallurgical machinery and appliances	139	124	557	386
Motive power machinery ..	247	268	903	789
Refrigerating appliances ..	77	90	305	323
Other machines and machinery ..	888	1,206	3,007	3,593
Total, Class XII.(*c*)	1,867	2,470	6,490	7,159
Total, Class XII.	14,099	13,862	51,443	43,975

Value of Commodities, &c.—Exports—*continued.*
(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Particulars.	March Quarter.		Nine months ended March.	
	1954.	1955.	1954.	1955.
CLASS XIII.—RUBBER AND LEATHER AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF.				
(*a*) *Rubber and Rubber Manufactures* ..	119	191	396	581
(*b*) *Leather and Leather Manufactures*—				
Leather—				
Hide leathers—				
Sole	235	181	615	473
Other	269	405	1,008	1,055
Sheep and lamb	35	36	199	142
Other	39	23	207	87
Leather manufactures	21	29	76	97
Total, Class XIII.(*b*)	599	674	2,105	1,854
Total, Class XIII.	718	865	2,501	2,435
CLASS XIV.—WOOD AND WICKER.				
Sleepers, railway	117	147	848	275
Timber	390	414	1,634	1,225
Wood and wicker manufactures ..	63	83	239	290
Total, Class XIV.	570	644	2,721	1,790
CLASS XV.—EARTHENWARE, CEMENT, CHINA, GLASS AND STONEWARE ..	324	193	670	859
CLASS XVI.—PAPER AND STATIONERY.				
(*a*) *Pulp, Paper and Board*	43	143	214	336
(*b*) *Paper Manufactures and Stationery*—				
Books (printed), periodicals, newspapers, &c.	274	327	910	1,001
Paper manufactures and stationery	121	143	420	672
Total, Class XVI.(*b*)	395	470	1,330	1,673
Total, Class XVI.	438	613	1,544	2,009
CLASS XVII.—SPORTING MATERIAL, TOYS, FANCY GOODS, JEWELLERY AND TIMEPIECES.				
Precious stones, unset—pearls, &c. ..	34	38	133	127
Sporting goods	41	51	151	186
Other	28	43	141	135
Total, Class XVII.	103	132	425	448
CLASS XVIII.—OPTICAL, SURGICAL AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS AND APPLIANCES AND PHOTOGRAPHIC GOODS, N.E.I.				
Films for cinematographs, &c.	79	89	210	235
Photographic goods and materials ..	84	107	387	408
Other optical, surgical and scientific instruments and materials	231	117	631	375
Total, Class XVIII.	394	313	1,258	1,018

Value of Commodities, &c.—Exports—*continued.*
(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Particulars.	March Quarter.		Nine months ended March.	
	1954.	1955.	1954.	1955.
CLASS XIX.—CHEMICALS, MEDICINAL AND PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS, ESSENTIAL OILS AND FERTILIZERS.				
Acids	(a)	13	(a)	67
Drugs and medicinal preparations—				
Acetysalicylic acid	(a)	44	(a)	123
Other	(a)	326	(a)	974
Eucalyptus oil	42	33	132	117
Perfumery and toilet preparations	49	52	134	147
Soap	50	68	215	205
Other chemicals, elements and compounds—				
Organic	(a)	382	(a)	1,025
Inorganic	(a)	80	(a)	271
Miscellaneous chemical preparations (including fertilizers)	(a)	148	(a)	530
Total, Class XIX.	808	1,146	3,026	3,459
CLASS XX.—MISCELLANEOUS.				
Arms, ammunition and explosives	257	48	839	121
Military, Naval and Air Force stores and equipment	720	413	2,467	1,495
Synthetic resins	116	121	293	490
Vessels (ships) transferred abroad	198	67	282	309
All other articles	1,625	2,277	4,904	5,784
Total, Class XX.	2,916	2,926	8,785	8,199
Total, Merchandise	200,665	208,261	633,631	566,415
CLASS XXI.—GOLD AND SILVER; BRONZE SPECIE.				
Bronze specie	..	..	..	1
Gold, including gold in matte	2,149	5,882	10,803	10,020
Silver, including silver in matte	840	620	1,977	1,944
Total, Class XXI.	2,989	6,502	12,780	11,965
SUMMARY.				
States of Final Shipment—				
New South Wales	66,639	61,559	203,648	165,338
Victoria	53,614	62,865	155,062	159,070
Queensland	32,899	36,198	134,095	115,006
South Australia	26,425	25,795	88,363	75,620
Western Australia	17,192	21,223	54,792	51,668
Tasmania	6,880	7,117	10,424	11,633
Northern Territory	5	6	27	45
Australian Produce	201,857	212,887	640,620	572,108
Re-exports	1,797	1,876	5,791	6,272
GRAND TOTAL	203,654	214,763	646,411	578,380

(a) Not available separately.

TOTAL QUANTITIES OF PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES EXPORTED FROM AUSTRALIA.

Particulars.	Unit of Quantity.	March Quarter.		Nine months ended March.	
		1954.	1955.	1954.	1955.
CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN.					
Butter	'000 lb.	27,574	46,050	65,080	101,203
Cheese	,,	18,862	18,882	42,238	42,221
Processed milk—					
Condensed	,,	14,045	15,727	48,528	33,179
Dried	,,	20,212	20,123	46,787	45,424
Infants' and invalids' foods	,,	3,285	2,370	8,096	5,991
Eggs—					
In shell	'000 doz.	797	1,964	12,096	18,912
Not in shell	'000 lb.	17,274	9,200	36,977	21,316
Meats, poultry and game—					
Bacon and hams	cwt.	5,136	3,366	21,402	13,034
Preserved by cold process—					
Beef and veal	'000 cwt.	322	521	2,325	1,976
Lamb	cwt.	118,384	212,128	366,591	795,761
Mutton	,,	229,934	88,429	416,314	235,664
Pork	,,	3,675	17,309	18,130	53,157
Poultry	'000 prs.	64	52	235	203
Rabbits and hares	,,	1,372	879	6,588	3,480
Preserved in airtight vessels	cwt.	264,923	291,872	948,367	988,169
Sausage casings	cwt.	9,493	..	22,139	6,930
	bundles.	..	a 708,692	..	1,375,005 (a)
CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN.					
Fruits—					
Dried—					
Currants	'000 lb.	207	1,602	11,834	11,833
Raisins	,,	652	12,495	65,881	88,278
Tree fruits	,,	662	1,430	3,610	5,542
Fresh—					
Apples	'000 bus.	678	419	838	636
Citrus	,,	20	12	493	454
Other	,,	364	382	374	391
Preserved in airtight containers	'000 lb.	67,328	44,281	120,190	120,273
Pulped	,,	4,617	1,733	8,112	3,807
Grain or cereals—					
Prepared—					
Barley—pearl and scotch	,,	69	132	201	220
Flour, (Wheaten) Plain White	,,	327,557	424,671	1,136,675	952,517
Oatmeal and rolled oats	,,	1,460	7,493	28,766	12,102
Rice	cwt.	184,914	188,327	599,320	499,483
Unprepared—					
Barley	ton	231,028	188,757	356,691	334,969
Oats	,,	4,934	18,885	40,877	30,974
Wheat	,,	200,266	484,918	779,056	1,286,222
Jams and fruit jellies	'000 lb.	880	1,379	4,325	5,724
Sugar (cane)	ton	167,358	180,251	664,193	627,460
Vegetables—preserved or pulped	'000 lb.	2,012	1,218	6,949	3,060

(a) From 1st October, 1954.

Total Quantities of Principal Commodities Exported from Australia—*continued.*

Particulars.	Unit of Quantity.	March Quarter.		Nine months ended March.	
		1954.	1955.	1954.	1955.
CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS LIQUORS.					
Wine	'000 gal.	236	319	957	876
CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES NOT FOODSTUFFS.					
Hides and skins—					
Calf, cattle and horse ..	'000 lb.	4,525	11,991	16,878	26,300
Kangaroo and wallaby ..	,,	164	185	589	625
Rabbit and hare	,,	488	1,177	3,822	3,795
Sheep and Lamb	'000	5,155	6,050	11,686	13,325
Wool—					
Greasy	'000 lb.	271,567	283,575	786,314	711,686
Scoured and washed, slipe, carbonized, tops, noils and waste	,,	21,793	26,778	70,156	74,544
CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS AND WAXES.					
Tallow, edible and inedible ..	ton	11,499	6,552	36,746	15,764
CLASS XI.—STONES AND MINERALS.					
Coal	ton	120,459	59,410	347,297	243,683
Ores and concentrates—					
Lead and silver-lead	,,	12,513	18,742	56,395	48,489
Zinc	,,	68,103	48,041	195,825	180,249
CLASS XII.—METALS.					
Lead—					
Pig	ton	48,558	30,512	137,542	109,010
Bullion	,,	5,502	12,163	24,927	33,637
Zinc, bars, blocks, &c.	,,	10,949	11,042	29,046	29,963

PRINCIPAL AGRICULTURAL, PASTORAL AND DAIRY PRODUCE OF AUSTRALIAN ORIGIN EXPORTED FROM AUSTRALIA.

Year.	Butter.	Cheese.	Meats.			
			Bacon and Hams.	Beef and Veal.(a)	Mutton and Lamb.(a)	Pork.(a)
QUANTITY.						
	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.
1938–39 ..	229,543	35,924	15,527	2,428,248	1,665,076	274,254
1950–51 ..	120,031	44,790	48,393	1,413,480	483,111	111,356
1951–52 ..	25,417	40,316	45,328	856,035	278,150	34,802
1952–53 ..	110,428	53,006	30,299	1,718,751	1,489,679	30,831
1953–54 ..	88,030	50,959	24,790	2,826,856	890,102	24,628
Nine months ended—						
March, 1954	65,075	42,230	21,400	2,325,003	782,417	18,103
March, 1955	101,203	42,221	13,034	1,976,185	1,031,425	53,157
VALUE. (£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)						
1938–39 ..	12,892	1,074	120	4,324	4,807	882
1950–51 ..	18,469	4,025	822	6,648	2,684	1,051
1951–52 ..	4,593	4,064	934	5,230	1,918	485
1952–53 ..	20,075	5,851	720	13,782	8,761	472
1953–54 ..	16,052	5,329	619	22,023	5,261	462
Nine months ended—						
March, 1954	11,876	4,425	537	17,785	4,689	337
March, 1955	17,909	4,282	314	17,769	10,948	705

(a) Preserved by cold process.

Year.	Fruits, Dried.		Fruits, preserved in airtight containers.	Wheat.	Flour.	Wool.	
	Vine.	Tree.				Greasy.	Scoured. (a)
QUANTITY.							
	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	tons.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.
1938–39.. ..	164,213	3,915	81,279	1,690,974	1,450,130	793,384	70,881
1950–51.. ..	76,950	24,136	97,662	2,324,516	1,766,020	907,431	127,601
1951–52.. ..	84,386	13,701	110,348	1,685,382	1,578,033	823,963	97,775
1952–53.. ..	155,172	6,709	143,261	1,593,963	1,739,240	981,493	107,533
1953–54.. ..	139,822	6,481	199,220	965,338	1,522,536	990,008	96,418
Nine months ended—							
March, 1954 ..	77,715	3,584	120,174	799,056	1,136,675	786,314	70,142
March, 1955 ..	100,100	5,415	120,209	1,286,221	952,045	711,686	74,563
VALUE. (£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)							
1938–39.. ..	2,747	118	1,267	8,735	4,540	37,305	5,324
1950–51.. ..	3,303	1,359	4,966	74,151	32,894	548,891	84,407
1951–52.. ..	4,608	1,053	6,500	55,287	33,018	278,481	44,948
1952–53.. ..	7,448	581	9,298	51,970	37,417	356,223	46,681
1953–54.. ..	6,600	793	14,184	30,957	29,682	364,977	45,443
Nine months ended—							
March, 1954 ..	3,777	417	8,348	25,634	23,098	292,621	34,048
March, 1955 ..	4,995	654	8,707	34,137	14,862	232,103	31,143

(a) Includes scoured and washed, carbonized, tops, noils, waste and slipe.

PRINCIPAL AGRICULTURAL, PASTORAL AND DAIRY PRODUCE OF AUSTRALIAN ORIGIN EXPORTED TO VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

Country of Destination and State of Final Shipment.	Nine months ended March.							
	1954.		1955.		1954.		1955.	
	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.
	BUTTER.				CHEESE.			
United Kingdom ..	46,537	8,048	86,626	14,830	33,750	3,116	34,787	3,147
Australian Territories ..	317	65	404	83	101	15	88	14
Ceylon	1,342	258	1,431	278	315	53	303	47
Guiana (British) ..	241	49	377	77	8	1	15	2
Hong Kong	1,651	326	1,109	220	311	41	343	44
India	592	138	432	97	520	89	637	108
Malaya, Fed. of ..	565	135	858	200	72	12	104	16
Malta	572	100	571	106	459	57	58	7
Mauritius	392	98	470	116	122	21	139	23
Singapore	1,888	368	2,411	485	508	68	628	80
West Africa	215	51	219	51	217	37	182	31
West Indies—								
Barbados	158	32	263	27	10	2	13	2
Trinidad and Tobago	520	103	521	104	27	4	34	6
Windward Is. ..	80	19	81	18	16	3	9	2
Other	53	13	144	32	95	14	132	21
Other British Countries ..	1,026	228	923	209	508	95	429	77
Arabian States ..	381	91	608	141	737	135	863	156
Burma	271	69	308	76	49	10	53	10
Egypt	747	145	710	138	981	115	624	67
France	5	1	20	4	..	..	..	..
French Possessions—								
New Caledonia ..	237	50	282	59	90	17	94	17
Other	92	24	232	54	4	1	7	1
Israel	2	..	..	..	249	34	..	..
Italy	..	..	65	13	..	..	..	..
Japan	1,548	309	513	107	1,324	188	690	87
Lebanon	46	9	73	14	174	29	18	3
Netherlands Antilles ..	190	48	214	52	2	..	4	1
Philippines	302	70	493	121	1,064	178	1,207	192
U.S.S.R.	4,480	875	..	..	..	..	..	..
Other Foreign Countries	625	154	845	197	517	90	760	121
New South Wales ..	1,602	324	1,311	262	260	42	229	37
Victoria	31,127	5,639	61,772	10,522	31,453	3,419	27,167	2,864
Queensland	28,524	5,252	29,538	5,649	2,650	304	3,607	376
South Australia ..	848	133	1,756	299	7,867	660	11,217	1,005
Western Australia ..	80	14	88	16	..	..	1	..
Tasmania	2,894	514	6,738	1,161	..	..	..	..
Total	65,075	11,876	101,203	17,909	42,230	4,425	42,221	4,282
	cwt.	£A'000.	cwt.	£A'000.	cwt.	£A'000.	cwt.	£A'000.
	BACON AND HAMS.				BEEF AND VEAL. (Preserved by Cold Process.)			
United Kingdom ..	846	24	..	..	2,041,746	15,012	1,606,209	13,941
Bermuda	89	3	..	..	7,163	119	8,287	146
Ceylon	1,257	30	746	17	3,190	32	1,146	12
Hong Kong	2,134	59	939	23	30,348	240	29,281	248
Malta	..	..	134	3	13,406	118	14,972	139
Singapore	9,741	234	6,281	141	45,330	414	68,498	655
West Indies (British) ..	427	12	590	18	12,640	154	8,662	104
Other British Countries ..	2,374	66	1,873	53	32,829	384	32,963	395
Arabian States—								
Saudi Arabia ..	54	2	9	..	4,005	84	9,497	205
Other	1,080	30	297	8	4,166	70	4,142	76
Belgium	..	..	..	..	6,767	66	23,323	218
Egypt	2,702	59	1,532	37	63,803	521	57,976	512
United States of America	..	..	4	..	4,249	53	3,484	34
Other Foreign Countries	696	18	529	14	55,361	518	107,745	1,084
New South Wales ..	4,281	98	3,000	75	353,069	2,730	154,299	1,641
Victoria	525	12	136	4	61,754	501	80,600	875
Queensland	8,281	229	5,026	135	1,776,633	13,609	1,609,299	14,246
South Australia ..	1,355	37	689	16	17,448	112	732	6
Western Australia ..	6,958	161	4,183	84	116,099	833	129,453	986
Tasmania	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,802	15
Total	21,400	537	13,034	314	2,325,003	17,785	1,976,185	17,769

NOTE.—Values in Australian currency, f.o.b. port of shipment.

Principal Agricultural, Pastoral and Dairy Produce of Australian Origin Exported to Various Countries--*continued.*

Country of Destination and State of Final Shipment.	Nine months ended March.							
	1954.		1955.		1954.		1955.	
	cwt.	£A'000.	cwt.	£A'000.	cwt.	£A'000.	cwt.	£A'000.
	MUTTON AND LAMB. (Preserved by Cold Process.)				PORK. (Preserved by Cold Process.)			
United Kingdom ..	600,945	3,460	880,267	9,736	819	7	36,633	430
Australian Territories ..	4,161	52	4,790	62	1,603	31	1,634	31
Canada	13,944	135	21,097	224	366	5	994	16
Ceylon	3,873	37	3,077	23	..	..	10	..
Hong Kong	5,417	45	3,927	44	1,801	30	731	9
Singapore	38,286	269	20,890	186	5,329	99	5,909	86
Other British Countries	17,274	129	22,546	161	1,550	38	1,998	38
Arabian States ..	5,226	60	8,133	104	1,164	30	1,572	38
Belgium(*a*)	..	..	8,937	41	..	..	487	5
Egypt	17,854	80	4,034	28	1,009	19	1,577	26
U.S.S.R.	43,581	205	..	..	..	..	..	..
United States of America	9,659	80	7,132	87	51	1	6	..
Other Foreign Countries	22,197	137	46,595	252	4,411	77	1,606	26
New South Wales ..	179,940	997	83,365	706	2,646	51	4,773	74
Victoria	372,824	2,324	635,478	6,741	1,565	32	5,932	89
Queensland	1,799	9	155	2	12,607	227	27,312	356
South Australia ..	170,963	963	238,979	2,705	73	3	17	..
Western Australia ..	55,495	384	57,349	613	1,212	24	14,676	178
Tasmania	1,396	12	16,099	181	..	..	447	8
Total	782,417	4,689	1,031,425	10,948	18,103	337	53,157	705
	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.
	DRIED VINE FRUITS—CURRANTS.				DRIED VINE FRUITS—RAISINS (including Sultanas and Lexias).			
United Kingdom ..	7,045	275	6,259	287	41,133	1,868	52,641	2,743
Canada	3,297	172	3,497	161	16,939	864	26,088	1,113
New Zealand	832	46	1,215	65	6,579	426	7,685	459
Singapore	52	4	62	5	85	8	98	8
Other British Countries	519	30	439	26	888	58	1,438	87
Egypt	83	5	58	4	177	13	121	10
Other Foreign Countries	6	..	292	14	80	8	207	13
New South Wales ..	1	..	3	..	3	..	38	6
Victoria	5,775	246	3,804	190	52,986	2,512	70,495	3,507
Queensland	3	..	1	..	7	1	5	1
South Australia ..	4,662	224	6,515	305	12,832	728	17,723	917
Western Australia ..	1,393	62	1,498	67	53	4	17	2
Tasmania	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Total	11,834	532	11,822	562	65,881	3,245	88,278	4,433

(*a*) Includes Luxemburg prior to 1954–55.

NOTE.—Values expressed in Australian currency, f.o.b. port of shipment.

Principal Agricultural, Pastoral and Dairy Produce of Australian Origin Exported to Various Countries—*continued.*

Country of Destination and State of Final Shipment.	Nine months ended March.							
	1954.		1955.		1954.		1955.	
	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.
	DRIED TREE FRUITS.				FRUITS PRESERVED IN AIRTIGHT CONTAINERS.			
United Kingdom ..	1,901	208	1,643	185	102,314	7,087	99,069	7,156
Canada	..	..	141	20	1,415	109	3,262	237
Ireland, Republic of ..	..	..	..	..	575	45	..	..
New Zealand	787	89	1,218	164	7,335	521	11,155	831
Singapore	137	20	171	28	360	24	464	28
Other British Countries	296	38	349	43	2,563	184	2,610	195
Egypt	300	42	68	5	1,123	73	683	49
Germany, Fed. Rep. of..	64	7	850	115	1,095	71	94	5
Other Foreign Countries	99	13	975	94	3,394	234	2,872	206
New South Wales ..	2,045	230	1,487	146	9,085	609	11,537	807
Victoria	353	42	222	29	59,628	4,010	76,103	5,411
Queensland	5	1	5	1	26,961	2,408	27,090	2,109
South Australia ..	1,098	135	2,781	357	23,981	1,290	4,668	328
Western Australia ..	..	..	5	..	72	6	5	1
Tasmania	83	9	915	121	447	25	806	51
Total	3,584	417	5,415	654	120,174	8,348	120,209	8,707
	Tons.	£A'000.	Tons.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.
	WHEAT.				FLOUR.			
United Kingdom ..	262,895	8,257	330,814	8,774	117,136	2,224	86,857	1,214
Aden	..	..	219	6	18,775	357	33,997	479
Australian Territories ..	92	3	141	5	6,962	138	9,830	160
Borneo (British) ..	18	1	..	..	12,681	272	12,502	207
Ceylon ..	10	..	9,597	309	281,951	5,698	165,829	2,541
Cyprus	9,284	314	18,397	502	..	..	33	1
East Africa (British) ..	600	20	127	4	4,258	88	11,748	170
Hong Kong	331	13	7,390	200	14,946	309	9,116	142
India	135,507	4,298	364,983	9,592	39,619	763	76	1
Ireland, Republic of ..	17,480	554	43,910	1,155	..	..	..	..
Malaya, Fed. of ..	5,904	216	11,045	270	113,241	2,335	131,210	2,222
Mauritius	..	..	32	1	49,246	978	30,684	453
New Zealand	165,160	5,512	166,224	4,437	118	2	..	..
Pacific Islands—								
Fiji	13	..	40	1	15,651	318	16,190	262
Other	53	2	112	1	5,584	107	6,322	106
Pakistan	34,134	1,479	..	..	105	2	224	3
Rhodesia, Northern ..	10,295	375	11,333	317	..	..	..	..
Rhodesia, Southern ..	33,857	1,237	40,731	1,143	..	..	..	..
Singapore	2,738	99	3,767	109	100,503	2,052	127,892	2,092
Sudan, Anglo-Egyptian	..	..	..	..	3,526	73	20,571	298
Other British Countries	396	15	7,690	210	4,121	88	7,062	113
Arabian States ..	2,581	90	7,179	195	10,603	206	15,133	209
Burma	2,640	103	513	14	33,203	697	39,101	636
Egypt	..	..	70	2	28,522	536	16,164	242
French Dependencies ..	293	12	425	14	19,592	432	15,068	241
Germany, Fed. Rep. of..	50,579	1,605	139,334	3,756	..	..	..	..
Indonesia	12	..	20	1	223,214	4,746	149,860	2,322
Italy	9,566	324	..	..	924	20	690	11
Japan	1,100	33	29,264	608	3,524	66	1,902	34
Korea	..	..	..	..	8,898	177	..	..
Netherlands	9,208	284	48,001	1,281	..	..	..	..
Portuguese Possessions—								
India	1,459	50	713	22	2,140	42	1,557	24
Mozambique ..	6,788	233	6,042	166	179	4	264	5
Other	..	..	..	..	635	13	504	8
Sweden	15,931	500	..	..	..	..	..	..
Thailand	..	..	152	5	14,410	307	20,723	358
Other Foreign Countries	132	5	37,956	1,037	2,408	48	20,936	308
New South Wales ..	162,334	5,107	190,715	5,121	365,630	7,458	305,435	4,887
Victoria	142,956	4,553	435,297	11,812	404,877	8,230	323,629	5,076
Queensland	33,754	1,065	5,900	172	7,031	146	28,000	393
South Australia ..	291,084	10,218	289,857	7,632	129,945	2,609	103,281	1,629
Western Australia ..	148,928	4,691	364,452	9,400	229,192	4,655	191,700	2,877
Total	779,056	25,634	1,286,221	34,137	1,136,675	23,098	952,045	14,862

NOTE.—Values expressed in Australian currency, f.o.b. port of shipment.

Principal Agricultural, Pastoral and Dairy Produce of Australian Origin Exported to Various Countries—*continued.*

Country of Destination and State of Final Shipment.	Nine months ended March.							
	1954.		1955.		1954.		1955.	
	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.
	WOOL—GREASY.				WOOL—SCOURED AND WASHED, SLIPE, CARBONIZED, TOPS, NOILS AND WASTE.			
United Kingdom ..	221,462	81,386	223,080	72,764	20,451	9,273	22,378	8,843
Canada	783	278	1,263	418	2,849	1,373	3,149	1,337
Hong Kong	..	..	..	..	326	275	418	284
India	647	176	519	163	619	370	910	517
Ireland, Republic of ..	1,974	780	4,259	1,493	91	43	96	42
New Zealand	153	70	366	145	280	201	331	204
South Africa, Union of..	3,458	1,131	1,956	499	672	286	370	163
Other British Countries	..	..	90	29	67	30	333	163
Austria	1,480	616	1,563	568	2	1	11	5
Belgium(*a*)	69,102	19,959	65,906	17,542	5,400	2,285	4,080	1,531
China	50	36	..	..	2,437	1,818	..	..
Czechoslovakia ..	7,825	3,503	7,963	3,030	..	..	..	..
Denmark	195	91	..	..	805	354	622	258
Egypt	27	7	..	..	609	459	100	79
France	134,819	45,976	123,979	37,497	5,964	2,815	5,002	2,080
Germany, Fed. Rep. of..	40,400	14,789	48,875	15,465	4,046	1,896	4,465	1,748
Greece	12	6	..	..	558	286	700	315
Italy	96,377	37,565	69,698	23,597	5,520	2,249	4,456	1,576
Japan	68,736	27,983	79,285	28,734	8,254	4,980	1,479	749
Mexico	5,168	2,179	6,576	2,479	248	123	547	260
Netherlands	3,362	1,287	2,383	797	731	331	1,009	381
Norway	..	..	..	..	51	26	65	32
Poland	14,275	5,869	13,401	5,163	4	3	83	35
Portugal	2,073	916	2,036	774	138	74	244	117
Spain	12	5	598	239	..	..	168	93
Sweden	960	355	1,591	513	867	378	897	384
Switzerland	3,767	1,307	4,791	1,477	235	115	217	100
Turkey	8,340	3,290	2,732	1,058	786	437	117	69
U.S.S.R.	52,983	23,400	425	153	..	..	..	..
United States of America	45,549	18,671	45,210	16,385	7,133	3,027	17,358	6,957
Yugoslavia	1,066	432	648	238	11	5	30	14
Other Foreign Countries	1,259	558	2,493	883	988	535	4,928	2,807
Total	786,314	292,621	711,686	232,103	70,142	34,048	74,563	31,143
New South Wales ..	284,827	106,310	257,869	83,105	18,677	8,979	21,682	8,631
Victoria	189,052	71,108	181,127	60,726	24,633	10,680	24,702	9,544
Queensland	134,820	52,485	104,198	35,880	7,903	4,292	8,310	3,628
South Australia ..	86,831	29,837	80,939	24,644	6,167	2,932	6,033	2,528
Western Australia ..	80,189	28,858	76,561	23,819	8,598	4,038	9,981	4,275
Tasmania	10,595	4,023	10,992	3,929	21	5	12	3
Total	786,314	292,621	711,686	232,103	(*b*)65,999	(*b*)30,926	(*b*)70,720	(*b*)28,609

(*a*) Includes Luxemburg prior to 1954–55. (*b*) Excludes exports of wool tops. State details not available for publication.

NOTE.—Values expressed in Australian currency, f.o.b. port of shipment.

Section V.—Retail Sales.

TOTAL RETAIL SALES OF GOODS CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO COMMODITY GROUPS.(a)

(Adjusted on a Basis Comparable with the 1952–53 Retail Census.)

The figures in the tables below relate to the retail sales of goods (as distinct from services, accommodation, entertainments, meals, &c.) by establishments selling retail goods from fixed premises (shops, rooms, kiosks, yards).

The tables contain particulars of retail sales of goods for the years 1948–49 to 1953–54 on a comparable basis throughout. The figures for the years 1948–49 and 1952–53 were obtained from Censuses taken in respect of those years whereas figures for the other years shown are estimates based on sample surveys and have been revised since previous publication. An adjustment has been made in the figures previously published for sales of hardware, china and glassware for the years 1948–49 to 1951–52 and 1953–54 to provide comparability with the 1952–53 Census.

(£ million.)

Particulars.	1948–49. (b)	1949–50. (c)	1950–51. (c)	1951–52. (c)	1952–53. (b)	1953–54. (c)
STATES.						
New South Wales	450.0	538.2	693.9	801.0	824.7	907.7
Victoria	317.1	392.6	492.4	571.7	584.4	637.8
Queensland	151.8	184.9	233.9	270.6	287.8	319.7
South Australia	96.4	122.4	153.3	185.4	189.0	207.8
Western Australia	78.4	99.0	125.9	155.2	164.6	183.8
Tasmania	34.6	41.6	53.4	65.0	68.9	76.1
Total	1,128.3	1,378.7	1,752.8	2,048.9	2,119.4	2,332.9
COMMODITY GROUPS.						
Groceries	143.4	161.1	186.1	232.9	261.5	275.1
Butchers' Meat	65.3	75.4	92.3	118.7	127.8	133.9
Other Food(d)	116.6	131.7	155.5	187.8	206.8	223.7
Total Foodstuffs	325.3	368.2	433.9	539.4	596.1	632.7
Beer, wine and spirits	95.3	105.0	123.2	153.9	173.0	186.7
Clothing, Drapery, Piece Goods and Footwear	237.8	263.8	328.5	351.6	355.1	387.4
Hardware, China and Glassware(e)	55.7	66.4	91.2	109.6	113.8	124.7
Electrical Goods and Radios	33.8	43.3	64.7	77.5	75.8	91.2
Furniture and Floor Coverings	46.4	54.5	76.9	76.1	72.8	81.0
Other Goods(f)	167.9	204.2	252.4	307.5	315.5	336.9
Total (excluding Motor Vehicles, &c.)	962.2	1,105.4	1,370.8	1,615.6	1,702.1	1,840.6
Motor Vehicles, Parts, Petrol, &c.(g)	166.1	273.3	382.0	433.3	417.3	492.3
Total	1,128.3	1,378.7	1,752.8	2,048.9	2,119.4	2,332.9

(a) Excludes sales in Australian Capital Territory and Northern Territory. (b) Census figures. (c) Survey figures revised since previous publication. (d) Includes fresh fruit and vegetables, confectionery, soft drinks, ice cream, cakes, pastry, cooked provisions, fish, &c., but excludes some delivered milk and bread. (e) Excludes basic building materials (e.g. timber, roofing tiles, bricks, &c.). (f) Includes tobacco, cigarettes, &c., newspapers, books and stationery, chemists' goods, grain and produce, jewellery, office equipment, &c. (g) Excludes farm machinery and implements, earth-moving equipment, &c.

RETAIL SALES : HIRE PURCHASE AGREEMENTS ENTERED INTO BY FINANCE COMPANIES.

The statistics in the following tables relate to businesses which finance the sale of goods by retail but do not retail goods themselves. Particulars of agreements originally made between retailers and customers and subsequently assigned to finance companies are not included in the figures of agreements made during each quarter nor, up to 31st December, 1953, in those of balances outstanding. Commencing 31st March, 1954, however, details of balances outstanding on agreements assigned to finance companies were collected and are included in the figures from that date. Figures in these tables have been revised since the last issue.

Balances Outstanding at end of each Quarter(*a*).

(Including Hiring Charges and Insurance.)

(£'000.)

As at—	N.S.W. (*b*)	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.(*c*)	W.A.	Tas.	Aust.
1953—							
31st March	34,456	19,388	14,360	7,642	6,048	2,739	84,633
30th June	35,041	19,861	15,079	8,016	6,354	2,929	87,280
30th September ..	37,988	21,704	16,116	8,882	6,950	3,239	94,879
31st December ..	43,858	25,097	18,392	10,356	7,978	3,666	109,347
1954—							
31st March(*d*).. ..	47,782	27,546	19,694	11,199	8,548	4,032	118,801
30th June (*d*) ..	51,556	30,726	22,361	12,483	9,703	4,534	131,363
30th September (*d*) ..	55,281	34,146	24,041	14,070	10,893	4,991	143,422
31st December (*d*) ..	62,324	38,738	26,196	15,860	11,987	5,583	160,688
1955—31st March, (*d*) ..	66,108	41,693	27,087	16,524	12,549	6,091	170,052

(*a*) Balances on agreements entered into during the quarter or at any time previously. (*b*) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (*c*) Includes Northern Territory. (*d*) *See* note above.

Agreements Made during Quarter ended 31st March, 1955 : States.

Particulars of Agreement.	N.S.W. (*a*)	Vic.	Qld.	S.A. (*b*)	W.A.	Tas.	Aust.
MOTOR VEHICLES.							
Number of Agreements ..	21,483	15,181	10,654	7,994	5,177	2,646	63,135
Total Value of Goods(*c*)£'000	15,135	11,506	6,723	5,260	3,417	1,854	43,895
Amount Financed(*d*) £'000	8,912	6,757	3,801	2,976	1,989	1,026	25,461
PLANT AND MACHINERY.							
Number of Agreements ..	1,556	908	698	285	270	104	3,821
Total Value of Goods(*c*)£'000	1,108	600	298	265	314	119	2,704
Amount Financed(*d*) £'000	678	365	187	145	190	79	1,644
HOUSEHOLD AND PERSONAL GOODS.							
Number of Agreements ..	65,205	37,955	27,169	9,490	10,388	4,849	155,056
Total Value of Goods(*c*)£'000	5,559	3,088	1,894	842	943	363	12,689
Amount Financed(*d*) £'000	4,597	2,553	1,472	669	754	284	10,329
TOTAL (ALL GOODS).							
Number of Agreements ..	88,244	54,044	38,521	17,769	15,835	7,599	222,012
Total Value of Goods(*c*)£'000	21,802	15,194	8,915	6,367	4,674	2,336	59,288
Amount Financed(*d*) £'000	14,187	9,675	5,460	3,790	2,933	1,389	37,434

(*a*) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (*b*) Includes Northern Territory. (*c*) Value at net cash or list price (*excluding* hiring charges and insurance). (*d*) *Excludes* hiring charges and insurance.

Retail Sales: Hire Purchase Agreements Entered Into By Finance Companies—*continued.*

Agreements Made during each Quarter : Australia.

Period.	Number of Agreements.	Value of Goods.(*a*)		Amount Financed.(*b*)		Average Proportion of Sale Financed. (*b*)
		Total.	Average per Agreement.	Total.	Average per Agreement.	
		£'000	£	£'000.	£	%
MOTOR VEHICLES.						
Quarterly Average—						
1954	63,027	42,501	674	24,571	390	58
Quarterly Total—						
1954—March Quarter ..	55,078	35,812	650	20,290	368	57
June ,, ..	62,188	42,054	676	24,726	398	59
Sept. ,, ..	66,179	44,952	679	25,883	391	58
Dec. ,, ..	68,665	47,186	687	27,384	399	58
1955—March ,, ..	63,135	43,894	695	25,460	403	58
PLANT AND MACHINERY.						
Quarterly Average—						
1954	3,114	1,881	604	1,151	370	61
Quarterly Total—						
1954—March Quarter ..	2,349	1,448	616	843	359	58
June ,, ..	2,771	1,782	643	1,113	402	62
Sept. ,, ..	3,361	1,783	530	1,104	328	62
Dec. ,, ..	3,975	2,511	632	1,543	388	61
1955—March ,, ..	3,821	2,704	708	1,644	430	61
HOUSEHOLD AND PERSONAL GOODS.						
Quarterly Average—						
1954	154,208	11,667	76	9,339	61	80
Quarterly Total—						
1954—March Quarter ..	143,344	11,610	81	9,048	63	78
June ,, ..	147,918	10,224	69	8,249	56	81
Sept. ,, ..	150,831	10,922	72	8,856	59	81
Dec. ,, ..	174,741	13,914	80	11,205	64	81
1955—March ,, ..	155,056	12,690	82	10,330	67	81
TOTAL (ALL GOODS).						
Quarterly Average—						
1954	220,350	56,049	254	35,061	159	63
Quarterly Total—						
1954—March Quarter ..	200,771	48,870	243	30,181	150	62
June ,, ..	212,877	54,060	254	34,088	160	63
Sept. ,, ..	220,371	57,657	262	35,843	163	62
Dec. ,, ..	247,381	63,611	257	40,132	162	63
1955—March ,, ..	222,012	59,288	267	37,434	169	63

(*a*) Value at net cash or list price (*excluding* hiring charges and insurance). (*b*) *Excludes* hiring charges and insurance.

Section VI.—Public Finance.

COMMONWEALTH CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND—RECEIPTS.

(£'000.)

Sources of Revenue.	1938–39.	1952–53.	1953–54.	Nine Months ended March—	
				1954.	1955.
TAXATION—					
Customs	31,161	70,720	94,757	70,231	75,052
Excise	16,472	113,104	125,460	94,219	107,689
Sales Tax	9,308	89,067	95,689	71,240	75,209
Flour Tax (*a*)	1,809	..	..	..	..
Land Tax	1,489	1,250	221	212	10
Income Taxes(*b*)	11,883	554,737	528,181	273,761	258,550
Pay-roll Tax	..	40,171	40,384	30,288	30,710
Estate Duty	1,915	8,393	9,825	7,191	7,119
Gift Duty	..	1,162	1,386	1,015	1,195
Entertainments Tax	..	6,708	1,977	1,978	— 1
Wool Contributory Charge and Wool Tax(*a*)	(*c*) 74	703	772	718	724
Wheat Export Charge(*a*)	..	8,139	..	..	3,184
Other Export Charges (*a*) (*d*)	..	166	168	115	212
Stevedoring Industry Charge (*a*)	..	1,144	1,630	1,237	728
Total, Taxation	74,111	895,464	900,450	552,205	560,381
BUSINESS UNDERTAKINGS—					
Postmaster-General's Department	17,366	64,398	67,798	50,328	54,189
Railways—					
Trans-Australian	331	1,372	1,825	1,264	1,509
Central Australia	138	1,290	1,553	1,095	1,051
North Australia	50	42	68	56	40
Australian Capital Territory	7	25	15	15	9
Total, Railways	526	2,729	3,461	2,430	2,609
Broadcasting Services	(*e*)	3,806	3,867	2,849	2,857
Total, Business Undertakings	17,892	70,933	75,126	55,607	59,655
TERRITORIES (*f*)	356	1,779	2,195	1,576	1,735
OTHER REVENUE—					
Coinage	128	310	750	..	300
Defence	151	2,188	2,809	1,769	3,207
Atomic Energy Commission	..	1,174	2,791	1,813	135
Civil Aviation	6	3,501	4,313	2,547	2,469
Health	18	43	80	50	61
Attorney-General	111	287	322	236	270
Commerce and Agriculture	6	121	106	73	..
Shipping and Transport	152	255	391	224	211
Net Profit on Note Issue	767	4,861	5,707	4,945	4,784
Other	1,367	(*g*) 59,151	27,750	17,548	14,845
Total	2,706	71,891	45,019	29,205	26,282
GRAND TOTAL	95,065	1,040,067	1,022,790	638,593	648,053
PER HEAD OF POPULATION—	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Taxation	10 13 9	102 7 5	101 3 4	62 5 7	62 1 2
Business Undertakings	2 11 7	8 2 2	8 8 10	6 5 5	6 12 2
Other	0 8 10	8 8 5	5 6 1	3 9 5	3 2 0
Total	13 14 2	118 18 0	114 18 3	72 0 5	71 15 4

(*a*) Paid to Trust Fund for purposes of industry concerned. (*b*) Includes Social Services Contribution, Wool Deduction, Undistributed Profits Tax and Super Tax. (*c*) Wool levy for publicity and research. (*d*) Prior to 1952–53 treated as refunds of revenue. (*e*) Part included with Postmaster-General's Department, balance included in Wireless Broadcasting Trust Account revenue. (*f*) Excludes Railways—*see* Business Undertakings. (*g*) Includes sale of shares in Commonwealth Oil Refineries Ltd., £2,762,000 and wool disposals profit, £42,361,000.

NOTE.—Minus sign (—) indicates excess of refunds.

COMMONWEALTH CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND—EXPENDITURE.

(£'000.)

Heads of Expenditure.	1938–39.	1952–53.	1953–54.	Nine Months Ended March—	
				1954.	1955.
Administrative and Miscellaneous Services	5,316	68,717	65,078	47,445	52,874
Interest and Debt Redemption, n.e.i.(a)	3,839	4,867	6,016	7,982	12,763
Capital Works and Services, n.e.i.	634	65,386	59,920	40,347	42,765
National Welfare Fund and Social Services(b)	16,428	165,511	176,565	126,969	140,143
Subsidies and Bounties	236	25,332	21,320	15,625	16,439
Defence Services (c)	8,928	216,016	190,661	119,732	115,960
War and Repatriation Services—					
Interest and Debt Redemption(a)	9,665	(d) 64,610	(d) 63,679	43,274	38,574
War Pensions	8,227	36,577	39,425	28,720	32,768
Other Services	1,365	16,645	17,158	11,882	10,415
Total, War and Repatriation Services	19,257	117,832	120,262	83,876	81,757
Business Undertakings—					
Postmaster-General's Department—					
Interest and Debt Redemption(a)	2,887	3,720	3,520	2,498	1,388
Capital Works and Services	3,851	28,427	25,986	18,081	17,992
Other	11,991	66,197	68,724	49,332	52,239
Total, Postmaster-General's Department	18,729	98,344	98,230	69,911	71,619
Railways—					
Interest and Debt Redemption (a)	530	561	561	347	281
Capital Works and Services	142	4,746	3,382	2,087	1,933
Other	821	3,383	3,576	2,612	2,148
Total, Railways	1,493	8,690	7,519	5,046	4,362
Broadcasting Services—					
Capital Works and Services	..	202	281	160	181
Other	..	4,556	4,684	3,446	3,462
Total, Broadcasting Services	(e)	4,758	4,965	3,606	3,643
Total, Business Undertakings	20,222	111,792	110,714	78,563	79,624
Territories(f)—					
Interest and Debt Redemption(a)	376	333	359	195	186
Capital Works and Services	739	4,821	4,511	3,316	3,254
Other—					
Northern Territory	323	2,355	2,522	1,713	1,858
Australian Capital Territory	349	2,205	2,382	1,807	1,859
Papua-New Guinea	47	4,882	5,812	4,175	5,057
Norfolk Island	5	40	58	15	15
Total, Territories	1,839	14,636	15,644	11,221	12,229
Payments to or for the States—					
Interest on States' Debts(g)	7,585	7,585	7,585	5,689	5,689
Redemption of States' Debts	1,478	3,011	3,463	2,556	2,898
Special Grants	2,020	15,934	15,400	11,575	8,888
Grants for Road Construction, &c., purposes	4,266	15,707	22,057	12,916	15,552
Tax Reimbursement Grants	..	108,623	120,415	72,233	78,022
States' Grants—Special Assistance	..	27,146	21,915	13,145	11,943
Other	300	4,885	3,413	2,484	1,504
Total, Payments to or for the States	15,649	182,891	194,248	120,598	124,496
Other Expenditure (h)	2,089	(i) 53,687	6,091	4,560	4,934
GRAND TOTAL	94,437	j 1,026,667	(k)966,519	656,918	683,984
PER HEAD OF POPULATION	£ s. d. 13 12 5	£ s. d. 117 7 6	£ s. d. 108 11 10	£ s. d. 74 1 9	£ s. d. 75 14 11

(a) Includes exchange on interest payments. (b) For expenditure on Social Services, *see* page 66. (c) Expenditure on the Departments of Defence, Navy, Army, Air, Supply and Defence Production. Includes Capital Works and Services. (d) Includes redemption of War Savings Certificates 1952–53, £6,208,000 and 1953–54, £5,292,000. (e) Part included with Postmaster-General's Department, balance included in Wireless Broadcasting Trust Account expenditure. (f) Excludes Railways—*see* Business Undertakings. (g) Excludes balance of interest payable on States debts (recoverable from States). (h) Includes Primary Production Self-balancing Items. (i) Includes transfers to Wool Disposals Profit Fund, £42,361,000. (j) Excludes transfer of surplus revenue, £13,400,000, to War Pensions Trust Account. (k) Excludes transfer of surplus revenue, £56,271,000 to Debt Redemption Reserve Trust Account.

COMMONWEALTH EXPENDITURE FROM LOAN FUND.

(£'000.)

Particulars.	1938–39.	1950–51.	1951–52.	1952–53.	1953–54.	Total to 30th June, 1954.
War (1914–18) and Repatriation Services	..	..	..	..	..	372,990
Defence and War (1939–45) Services and Post-war Charges	..	28,773	5,120	5,684	4,199	1,628,689
Works and Services—						
Defence Buildings, Works, Sites	1,912	*Cr.* 12	..	..	..	8,682
Civil Aviation, Buildings and Works	..	..	..	..	..	213
Ships, Yards and Docks	*Cr.* 305	..	..	..	..	7,694
Lighthouses, Works and Services	*Cr.* 1	..	..	..	..	634
River Murray Waters Act	..	..	..	..	..	2,106
Postmaster-General's Department	*Cr.* 1	*Cr.* 1	*Cr.* 1	*Cr.* 1	..	40,530
Health Buildings, Laboratories and Services	..	..	..	..	..	102
War Service Homes(*a*)	..	..	..	..	..	7,329
Railways	..	*Cr.* 1	*Cr.* 3	*Cr.* 4	*Cr.* 1	13,750
Territories(*b*)	*Cr.* 7	*Cr.* 16	*Cr.* 1	*Cr.* 9	*Cr.* 12	8,723
Other	..	..	..	..	..	3,109
Assistance to States—						
Housing	..	21,640	26,547	30,000	37,200	178,209
Other	1,996	..	..	..	..	13,943
Wheat Bounty	..	..	..	..	..	3,430
Total Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c.	3,594	21,610	26,542	29,986	37,187	288,454
International Bank Dollar Loan(*c*)	..	4,044	23,831	17,935	21,468	67,278
Swiss Loan (*d*)	..	..	..	..	5,792	5,792
GRAND TOTAL	3,594	54,427	55,493	53,605	68,646	2,363,203

(*a*) In addition, £13,045,000 was expended from War Loan Fund prior to 1923–24. (*b*) Includes administration and other public buildings, Australian Capital Territory. (*c*) Paid to National Debt Sinking Fund. (*d*) Paid to Swiss Loan Trust Account.

PUBLIC LOANS RAISED IN AUSTRALIA FOR DEFENCE, WAR (1939-45) AND POST-WAR CHARGES, ETC.(*a*)

Year and Month of Raising.	Amount Invited.	Number of Subscribers.	Allocation of Proceeds.			Rates of Interest.	Years of Maturity.
			Commonwealth.		States.		
			Defence, War (1939–45) and Post-war Charges.	Advances to States for Housing.			
	£'000.		£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	%	
1948—September	15,000	84,472	52	..	15,000	3½	1962
1949—March	43,239	54,860	5,539	32,140	24,145	2, 3⅛	1952, 1960–63
September	25,912	63,504	..	..	45,167	,,	1953, 1960–63
1950—March	40,875	46,066	11,887	17,215	31,576	,,	1953, 1961–64
August	12,898	46,302	1,301	..	47,000	,,	,, ,,
November	21,253	32,160	..	..	30,000	,,	,, ,,
1951—May	40,000	46,192	328	..	48,938	,,	1954, (*b*)1962–65
August	40,000	22,628	..	3,840	28,660	2, 3¼	1954, 1962–65
November	13,233	12,909	..	1,470	12,076	,,	,, ,,
1952—March	30,533	19,449	..	1,787	15,862	,,	1955, 1962–65
November	20,000	26,925	..	2,459	17,810	4½	1961
1953—March	29,789	20,841	92	3,595	28,331	3, 4½	(*c*)1955, 1962
September	50,000	30,977	..	6,850	59,468	,,	1955, 1966
1954—March	35,000	24,974	..	72	52,000	,,	(*d*)1957, 1967
August	37,594	26,832	..	..	46,505	,,	(*d*)1957, 1967
November	50,000	18,383	..	..	37,159	,,	(*e*)1957, 1968
1955—March	40,000	13,245	..	..	44,095	,,	(*f*)1957, 1968

(*a*) Excludes redemption and conversion loans. (*b*) Price of issue: £99. (*c*) Price of issue: £99 10s. (*d*) Price of issue: £98 10s. (*e*) Price of issue £98 15s. (*f*) Price of Issue: £99 5s.

COMMONWEALTH PUBLIC DEBT.

For a summary of Commonwealth Public Debt as at 31st December, 1954, *see* page 65.

COMMONWEALTH INCOME TAX AND SOCIAL SERVICES CONTRIBUTION, 1952-53.(a)

Grade of Actual Income and State or Territory of Assessment.	Number of Taxpayers.	Taxable Income.			Net Income Tax and Social Services Contribution Assessed.
		Personal Exertion.	Property.	Total.	
£ £	No.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
105– 200	200,711	27,939	2,311	30,250	434
201– 300	270,729	59,742	4,272	64,014	1,985
301– 400	307,080	94,107	4,696	98,803	4,860
401– 500	363,271	142,189	4,758	146,947	9,569
501– 600	371,461	168,635	4,862	173,497	13,350
601– 700	486,388	249,831	4,647	254,478	22,031
701– 800	434,711	252,791	4,587	257,378	24,955
801– 900	306,206	199,524	4,186	203,710	21,846
901– 1,000	196,872	141,905	3,809	145,714	17,093
1,001– 1,250	214,482	179,946	7,611	187,557	25,203
1,251– 1,500	80,306	84,177	6,002	90,179	14,657
1,501– 2,000	72,535	97,327	8,920	106,247	21,019
2,001– 3,000	56,460	109,575	11,542	121,117	31,511
3,001– 4,000	23,868	67,115	7,582	74,697	24,598
4,001– 5,000	12,018	43,971	5,235	49,206	19,168
5,001–10,000	15,086	80,026	12,328	92,354	47,391
10,001–15,000	2,354	22,002	4,390	26,392	17,027
15,001 and over ..	1,323	22,973	7,234	30,207	22,233
Total Residents ..	3,415,861	2,043,775	108,972	2,152,747	338,930
Central Office	12,369	22,733	10,734	33,467	16,781
New South Wales ..	1,303,508	775,995	36,129	812,124	119,930
Victoria	991,386	593,316	33,280	626,596	93,973
Queensland	447,779	239,050	9,728	248,778	37,373
South Australia ..	311,114	196,670	10,472	207,142	33,852
Western Australia ..	224,923	146,549	5,881	152,430	27,579
Tasmania	107,223	58,171	2,526	60,697	7,770
Northern Territory ..	4,654	2,875	35	2,910	384
Australian Capital Territory	12,905	8,416	187	8,603	1,288
Total Residents ..	3,415,861	2,043,775	108,972	2,152,747	338,930
Total Non-Residents..	4,404	944	3,157	4,101	1,245
GRAND TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	3,420,265	2,044,719	112,129	2,156,848	340,175
Companies (b) ..	25,130	..	..	414,115	(c) 157,070

(a) Assessed on income for year 1951-52. (b) Preliminary, subject to revision. (c) Includes Undistributed Profits Tax.

COMMONWEALTH ESTATE DUTY, 1952-53.

Grade of Dutiable Value.	Number of Estates.(a)	Gross Value as Assessed.	Dutiable Value.	Net Duty Payable.
£ £	No.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
1- 1,000	5,844	12,863	2,516	75
1,001- 2,000	3,131	10,358	4,569	137
2,001- 3,000	2,023	8,927	5,033	151
3,001- 4,000	1,393	7,596	4,857	145
4,001- 5,000	1,072	7,067	4,880	153
5,001-10,000	2,698	24,872	18,861	559
10,001-20,000	2,090	34,915	29,772	1,301
20,001-50,000	1,178	41,940	34,703	2,849
50,001 and over	234	27,134	20,120	3,879
Total	19,663	175,672	125,311	9,249

(a) Number of estates assessed during year 1952-53.

COMMONWEALTH SALES TAX.

NOTE.—An indication of fluctuations in the value of wholesale trade is given by the returns made under the Sales Tax Acts. With certain specified exemptions, all goods sold by wholesale in Australia, including imports are taxable. The returns do not relate to all wholesale trade, as vendors trading only in exempt goods are not required to furnish returns. They do not necessarily cover a constant proportion of all trade. The effects of legislation and administrative changes on the recorded values of taxable and exempt goods respectively are somewhat uncertain, but total recorded sales are affected in smaller degree. Insufficient information is available to enable adjustments to be made to the crude figures on this account. Monthly totals are compiled on a basis comparable with the monthly averages for preceding years.

Sales of Taxable and Exempt Goods and Sales Tax payable.—Australia.(a)

(£'000.)

Period.	Net Sales of Taxable and Exempt Goods.	Taxable Sales.(a)										Sales Tax Payable.
		8⅓ per cent.	10 per cent.	12½ per cent.	16⅔ per cent.	20 per cent.	25 per cent.	33⅓ per cent.	50 per cent.	66⅔ per cent.	Total.	
1938-39 ..	477,147	•196,491	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	196,491	9,363
1949-50 ..	1,321,826	376,453	68,577	..	..	..	10,221	..	..	..	455,251	40,789
1950-51 ..	1,686,233	463,975	49,463	..	..	..	11,325	22,584	..	..	547,347	53,984
1951-52 ..	1,945,086	134,246	24,243	327,442	..	85,192	6,079	36,276	4,983	4,929	623,390	91,332
1952-53 ..	1,897,669	..	..	403,680	..	121,413	134	23,000	6,794	369	555,390	86,085
1953-54 ..	2,154,269	..	..	483,736	176,136	24,265	..	3,007	802	..	687,946	96,079
Quarter—												
1953—												
Dec. ..	576,961	..	..	137,202	59,322	..	..	..	..	..	196,524	27,037
1954—												
Mar. ..	494,203	..	..	115,426	46,026	..	..	..	..	..	161,452	22,099
June ..	563,275	..	..	121,509	54,315	..	..	..	..	..	175,824	24,241
Sept. ..	595,032	..	21,672	115,001	56,309	..	..	..	..	..	192,982	25,927
Dec. ..	633,544	..	45,843	110,277	51,905	..	..	..	..	..	208,025	27,020
1955—												
March ..	585,906	..	35,376	94,186	44,553	..	..	..	..	..	174,115	23,281
Month—												
1954—												
Oct. ..	206,003	..	14,359	34,698	17,355	..	..	..	..	..	66,412	8,666
Nov. ..	215,076	..	15,204	37,570	17,621	..	..	..	..	..	70,395	9,153
Dec. ..	212,465	..	16,280	38,009	16,929	..	..	..	..	..	71,218	9,201
1955—												
Jan. ..	164,269	..	10,075	26,452	10,479	..	..	..	..	..	47,006	6,605
Feb. ..	197,084	..	12,109	32,088	15,896	..	..	..	..	..	60,093	7,871
March ..	224,553	..	13,192	35,646	18,178	..	..	..	..	..	67,016	8,805

(a) The general rate was 4 per cent. to 21st September, 1938 and 5 per cent. to 8th September, 1939. The 10 per cent. rate came into operation on 15th November, 1946, and superseded the general rate of 12½ per cent., which, together with the 25 per cent. rate, operated from 1st May, 1942. On 8th September, 1949, the general rate was reduced to 8⅓ per cent. From 13th October, 1950, additional rates of 10 per cent. and 33⅓ per cent. were introduced. On 27th September, 1951, the general rate was increased to 12½ per cent. and rates of 20 per cent., 50 per cent. and 66⅔ per cent. were introduced. From 7th August, 1952, the rate of 66⅔ per cent. was reduced to 50 per cent. and the rate of 25 per cent. eliminated. From 9th September, 1953, the rates of 50 per cent., 33⅓ per cent. and 20 per cent. were eliminated and the rate of 16⅔ per cent. was introduced. From 19th August, 1954, the rate of 10 per cent. was re-introduced.

NOTE.—In respect of New South Wales the Consolidated Revenue Fund and Business Undertakings—Railways, Tramways and Omnibuses and Sydney Harbour Trust Section of the Maritime Services Board—included in the Annual Budget Papers are represented in the following tables. The following adjustments have been made to the Budget figures for 1953–54 to obviate duplications within the combined accounts and to obtain uniformity with the other States—(i) Treasury transfers to Railway revenue £1,000,000 and (ii) Commonwealth Hospital Benefits £2,050,000 paid to Consolidated Revenue and then distributed to hospitals, have been deducted from the Budget Revenue total of £189,692,000 and from the Expenditure total of £192,009,000. In addition, £2,445,000 has been deducted from expenditure on account of debt charges not recouped to Consolidated Revenue Fund from Business Undertakings and on account of contributions from Consolidated Revenue Fund towards losses on Tramway and Omnibus Services. Although contributions towards accumulated losses of Business Undertakings have been made from Consolidated Revenue Fund in previous years, no adjustment to aggregate expenditure was made until 1952–53. Particulars for other States are restricted to the transaction of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

The following Treasury transfers to Business Undertakings have been excluded from Revenue and Expenditure—New South Wales (as stated above)—Railways £1,000,000; Victoria—Railways £1,935,000 and South Australia—Railways £4,000,000.

STATE REVENUES.
(£'000.)

Sources of Revenue and Year.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust. (a)	W. Aust. (a)	Tas. (a)(b)	Total.
			1953–54.				
Taxation(c)	19,104	17,206	8,299	6,540	(d) 3,346	3,472	57,967
Railways	74,569	35,841	28,952	12,806	11,377	..	163,545
Tramways and Omnibuses	11,575	..	..	..	1,027	..	12,602
Other Business and Industrial Undertakings	2,472	5,322	..	3,947	2,867	4	14,612
Land	3,644	2,683	3,967	310	964	474	12,042
Interest n.e.i. ..	968	3,054	1,462	2,734	1,126	1,851	11,195
Commonwealth Payments (e)	59,170	37,100	23,798	19,065	19,620	6,598	165,351
All other Sources ..	15,140	(f) 5,542	3,218	2,974	3,269	886	31,029
Total Revenue 1953–54 ..	186,642	106,748	69,696	48,376	43,596	13,285	468,343
Total Revenue per head ..	£ s. d. 54 16 0	£ s. d. 44 1 2	£ s. d. 53 11 9	£ s. d. 61 10 9	£ s. d. 69 2 10	£ s. d. 42 18 8	£ s. d. 52 17 9
1952–53	180,908	96,995	63,171	44,251	38,725	(b) 12,061	436,111
1951–52	167,095	81,661	55,753	37,588	33,955	(b) 10,469	386,521
1950–51	128,298	63,546	44,723	31,072	28,974	(b) 7,819	304,432
1949–50	106,504	55,557	37,119	26,360	26,018	(b) 7,077	258,635
1938–39	51,098	26,985	19,330	12,304	10,950	3,615	124,282

STATE EXPENDITURES.
(£'000.)

Heads of Expenditure and Year.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas. (a)(b)	Total.
			1953–54.				
Interest and Charges on Public Debt ..	19,817	14,327	8,965	8,237	6,488	3,391	61,225
Railways	64,182	34,607	28,303	14,160	14,357	..	155,609
Tramways and Omnibuses	13,446	..	..	..	1,154	..	14,600
Other Business and Industrial Undertakings	1,705	4,181	411	3,459	3,207	(g) 913	13,876
Education	27,805	17,391	8,082	5,589	5,544	2,810	67,221
Hospitals	16,294	11,601	7,051	3,547	3,367	1,488	43,348
Other Charities ..	3,278	2,867	1,838	792	970	399	10,144
All other Expenditure	39,987	21,063	14,703	10,782	(h) 8,612	(i) 4,269	99,416
Total Expenditure 1953–54 ..	186,514	106,037	69,353	46,566	43,699	13,270	465,439
Total Expenditure per head ..	£ s. d. 54 15 3	£ s. d. 43 15 3	£ s. d. 53 6 6	£ s. d. 59 4 8	£ s. d. 69 5 10	£ s. d. 42 17 8	£ s. d. 52 11 2
1952–53	180,811	97,360	62,980	44,226	39,233	(b) 11,763	436,373
1951–52	166,997	84,067	55,708	37,499	34,547	(b) 10,871	389,689
1950–51	128,265	63,889	44,625	30,842	28,814	(b) 8,066	304,501
1949–50	107,681	55,816	37,090	26,550	25,994	(b) 7,344	260,475
1938–39	53,558	27,773	19,316	12,701	11,170	3,641	128,159

(a) Revenue includes balance of Special Grant for 1951–52—South Australia —£200,000, Western Australia +£450,000, Tasmania —£150,000. (b) Excludes particulars of transport services, now under control of the Transport Commission. (c) For total receipts from various forms of taxation, Commonwealth and State, 1953–54, *see* p. 64. (d) Gross collections. (e) Includes Commonwealth tax reimbursements. (f) Includes contribution to revenue by Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways, £71,000. (g) Losses of Transport Commission. (h) Includes reduction of 1951–52 deficit, £450,000. (i) Includes reduction of 1951–52 adjusted surplus, —£150,000.

STATE NET LOAN EXPENDITURE DURING THE YEAR, 1953-54.
(£'000.)

Heads of Expenditure.	N.S.W	Vic.(a)	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Total.
Works and Services—							
Railways	11,331	8,838	5,536	1,374	5,717	303	33,099
Tramways and Omnibuses	754	..	..	600	*Cr.* 69	..	1,285
Roads and Bridges	353	1,510	*Cr.* 75	*Cr.* 20	..	766	6,145
Harbours, Rivers, Lights, &c.	1,493	245	*Cr.* 2	711	1,164		
Water Supply and Sewerage	3,562	8,417	2,680	4,975	1,806	343	21,783
Electricity Supply	16,500	6,000	..	5,000	703	8,138	36,341
Public Buildings	11,274	10,677	2,135	1,598	1,572	1,538	28,794
Unemployment Relief	*Cr.* 25	*Cr.* 12	..	..	..	..	*Cr.* 37
Housing	1,008	*Cr.* 20	353	3,229	1,001	1,828	7,399
Other(b)	673	395	5,099	131	351	300	6,949
Primary Production—							
Land Settlement (c)	3,387	2,527	123	92	13	83	6,225
Water Conservation, Irrigation and Drainage	5,013	..	1,109	731	163	..	7,016
Other	1,404	1,105	1,493	3,189	233	169	7,593
Other purposes	..	2,828	..	451	1,540	*Cr.* 31	4,788
Total Works, &c.	56,727	42,510	18,451	22,061	14,194	13,437	167,380
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Per Head	16 13 2	17 10 11	14 3 9	28 1 4	22 10 2	43 8 5	18 18 0
Non-Works—							
Revenue, &c., Deficits	..	..	..	..	60	552	612
Other (d)	367	139	..	61	41	*Cr.* 217	391
Grand Total	57,094	42,649	18,451	22,122	14,295	13,772	168,383

TOTAL STATE NET LOAN EXPENDITURE TO 30th JUNE, 1954.
(£'000.)

Heads of Expenditure.	N.S.W.	Vic.(a)(e)	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Total.
Works and Services—							
Railways	235,479	118,597	98,236	50,818	50,360	13,879	567,369
Tramways and Omnibuses	18,035	..	..	6,441	2,055	..	26,531
Roads and Bridges	21,629	18,181	10,889	4,686	3,183	10,374	131,318
Harbours, Rivers, Lights, &c.	30,618	2,627	4,094	12,280	12,757		
Water Supply and Sewerage	47,673	75,979	8,142	44,611	24,842	1,387	202,634
Electricity Supply	74,503	41,089	..	26,650	13,777	43,769	199,788
Public Buildings	62,488	49,033	20,068	12,673	12,030	8,838	165,130
Unemployment Relief	16,029	13,147	..	..	..	330	29,506
Housing	9,209	9,813	7,163	30,305	4,152	10,060	70,702
Other (b)	14,159	5,580	40,588	2,565	2,952	4,084	69,928
Primary Production—							
Land Settlement (c)	37,562	83,489	9,589	9,453	13,164	2,445	155,702
Water Conservation, Irrigation and Drainage	42,417	..	6,403	11,713	6,341	..	66,874
Other	15,815	18,200	21,297	11,482	16,739	2,254	85,787
Other purposes	90	17,265	..	4,518	14,809	2,425	39,107
Total Works, &c.	625,706	453,000	226,469	228,195	177,161	99,845	1,810,376
Non-Works—							
Revenue, &c., Deficits	38,948	15,456	5,826	8,730	12,175	3,176	84,311
Other (d)	27,552	10,204	15,998	3,347	6,037	1,833	64,971
Grand Total	692,206	478,660	248,293	240,272	195,373	104,854	1,959,658

(a) Expenditure from Loan Fund and on account of loans; includes expenditure from Loan Funds, from Treasurer's Advance Account and from State Loans Repayment Fund. (b) Includes loans to Local Bodies, &c. (c) Includes Advances to Settlers and Soldier Land Settlement. (d) Discount and flotation expenses, exchange on remittances, &c. (e) Aggregate *gross* loan expenditure.

STATE PUBLIC DEBT AND INTEREST PAYABLE AT 31st DECEMBER, 1954.

State.	Public Debt.				Interest Payable.			
	Australia.	London.	New York.	Total.	In Australia.	In London.	In New York.	Total.
	£'000. Aust.	£'000. Stg.	£'000. (a)	£'000. (b)	£'000. Aust.	£'000. Stg.	£'000. (a)	£'000. (c)
New South Wales	503,572	122,241	10,562	636,375				
Victoria	347,698	44,802	3,204	395,704				
Queensland	185,574	43,622	4,202	233,398	(d)	(d)	(d)	(d)
South Australia	188,128	34,438	1,243	223,809				
Western Australia	136,931	35,785	1,045	173,761				
Tasmania	97,670	6,999	223	104,892				
Total	1,459,573	287,887	20,479	1,767,939	47,678	9,228	699	57,605

(a) Payable in dollars. For the purpose of this table dollars have been converted on the basis of $4.8665 to £1. (b) The total "face" or "book" value of the State public debt leaving out of account differences in currency. (c) Nominal amount of interest payable—takes no account of exchange. (d) Not available.

(TABLES ON THIS PAGE ARE PREPARED FROM INFORMATION PUBLISHED IN THE MONTHLY STATEMENTS ISSUED BY EACH TREASURY.)

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

(£'000.)

Particulars.	N.S.W. (a)	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Six States.	Common-wealth.	Grand Total. (b)
NINE MONTHS ENDED MARCH, 1954.									
Revenue—									
Commonwealth Payments ..	35,928	22,578	14,429	12,406	13,115	4,186	102,642	..	..
Taxation	13,293	10,845	6,065	4,576	2,370	2,518	39,667	552,205	..
Business Undertakings—									
Railways	54,265	26,227	21,307	9,514	8,117	..	119,430	2,430	..
Other	10,490	422	..	3,264	2,756	..	16,932	53,177	..
Other	13,848	7,195	5,756	3,139	3,550	1,922	35,410	30,781	..
Total	127,824	67,267	47,557	32,899	29,908	8,626	314,081	638,593	846,149
Expenditure—									
Payments to States (c) ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	120,598	..
Debt Services	14,104	10,608	6,754	6,139	4,807	2,410	44,822	54,296	..
Business Undertakings (d)—									
Railways	48,458	25,345	20,936	10,612	10,669	(e) 550	116,570	2,612	..
Other	11,052	626	..	2,544	2,447	..	16,669	52,778	..
Other	57,418	36,688	21,738	14,211	13,979	6,473	150,507	426,634	..
Total	131,032	73,267	49,428	33,506	31,902	9,433	328,568	656,918	878,961
Surplus (+) or Deficit (−) ..	− 3,208	− 6,000	− 1,871	− 607	− 1,994	−807	− 14,487	−18,325	− 32,812
NINE MONTHS ENDED MARCH, 1955.									
Revenue—									
Commonwealth Payments ..	37,270	23,015	15,291	9,833	12,767	5,142	103,318	..	..
Taxation	14,767	14,040	6,425	5,644	2,740	1,946	45,562	560,381	..
Business Undertakings—									
Railways	55,573	28,045	23,710	9,898	9,216	..	126,442	2,609	..
Other	8,561	494	..	3,612	2,953	..	15,620	57,046	..
Other	17,545	8,877	5,910	4,405	4,386	2,363	43,486	28,017	..
Total	133,716	74,471	51,336	33,392	32,062	9,451	334,428	648,053	873,420
Expenditure—									
Payments to States (c) ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	124,496	..
Debt Services	15,193	9,808	7,035	6,829	5,380	2,848	47,093	53,192	..
Business Undertakings (d)									
Railways	49,806	29,325	22,063	8,454	10,504	(e) 539	120,691	2,148	..
Other	11,179	552	..	2,749	2,542	..	17,022	55,701	..
Other	63,914	39,755	22,783	18,219	14,975	6,847	166,493	448,447	..
Total	140,092	79,440	51,881	36,251	33,401	10,234	351,299	683,984	926,222
Surplus (+) or Deficit (−) ..	− 6,376	− 4,969	− 545	− 2,859	− 1,339	− 783	− 16,871	− 35,931	− 52,802

(a) Excludes Main Roads Department, Road Transport and Traffic Fund, and recoups of interest, &c., from undertakings outside the Budget. (b) To avoid duplication in aggregating particulars for the Commonwealth and States, the grand totals exclude payments by the Commonwealth to the States of compensation in respect of uniform taxation, special financial assistance, interest on States' debts, special grants and prices, &c., control reimbursement grants ; also deductions have been made of pay-roll tax payments by State Governments to the Commonwealth Government. (c) Includes payments to State trust funds. (d) Excludes interest, &c., charges. (e) Loss by Transport Commission.

NET LOAN EXPENDITURE ON WORKS.

(£'000.)

Nine Months Ended March—	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Total Six States.	Common-wealth. (a)	Grand Total.
1954	31,753	20,278	9,921	14,513	8,469	7,472	92,406	23,276	115,682
1955	31,947	23,148	10,874	13,846	9,852	9,963	99,630	19,395	119,025

(a) Excludes payment to National Debt Sinking Fund on account of the International Bank Dollar Loan and payment to Swiss Loan Trust Account on account of Swiss Loan.

TAXATION.—COMMONWEALTH AND STATE, 1953-54.(a)

(£'000.)

State, &c.	Customs and Excise.	Income Taxes.	Land Tax.	Probate and Succession Duties.	Other Stamp Duties (n.e.i.).	Motor Taxes.	Entertainments (including Racing).	All other Taxes.	Total Taxes.
New South Wales ..	..	33	2	8,014	5,645	10,645	2,890	2,520	29,749
Victoria	..	27	2,016	5,387	3,685	5,883	3,107	2,195	22,300
Queensland ..	..	21	1,080	2,353	2,548	4,806	297	1,712	12,817
South Australia ..	..	4	568	1,593	1,040	2,468	1,087	151	6,911
Western Australia ..	..	7	297	877	1,197	1,338	586	380	4,682
Tasmania	..	..	175	476	428	737	259	1,683	3,758
Total States ..	..	92	4,138	18,700	14,543	25,877	8,226	8,641	80,217
Commonwealth ..	220,217	528,181	221	9,825	..	..	1,977	b 140,029	900,450
Grand Total ..	220,217	528,273	4,359	28,525	14,543	25,877	10,203	148,670	980,667

PER HEAD OF POPULATION.

(£ s. d.)

New South Wales ..	..	0 0 2	..	2 7 1	1 13 2	3 2 6	0 17 0	0 14 9	8 14 8
Victoria	..	0 0 3	0 16 8	2 4 6	1 10 6	2 8 7	1 5 8	0 18 2	9 4 4
Queensland ..	..	0 0 4	0 16 7	1 16 2	1 19 2	3 14 0	0 4 7	1 6 4	9 17 2
South Australia ..	..	0 0 1	0 14 5	2 0 6	1 6 5	3 2 9	1 7 8	0 3 10	8 15 8
Western Australia ..	..	0 0 3	0 9 5	1 7 10	1 18 0	2 2 5	0 18 7	0 12 0	7 8 6
Tasmania ..	..	..	0 11 4	1 10 9	1 7 8	2 7 8	0 16 9	5 8 8	12 2 10
Total States ..	..	0 0 3	0 9 4	2 2 3	1 12 11	2 18 5	0 18 6	0 19 6	9 1 2
Commonwealth ..	24 14 10	59 6 10	0 0 6	1 2 1	..	..	0 4 5	b 15 14 8	101 3 4
Grand Total ..	24 14 10	59 7 0	0 9 10	3 4 1	1 12 8	2 18 1	1 2 11	16 14 2	110 3 7

(a) Includes taxes paid to special funds. The collections have been grouped according to the nature of the tax rather than the method of collection. *See* page 56 for details of Commonwealth Taxation. (b) Includes Sales Tax £95,689,000, £10 15s. 0d. per head of population; and Pay-roll Tax, £40,400,000, £4 10s. 9d. per head of population.

TAXATION.—COMMONWEALTH AND STATE.

(£'000.)

Year.	Taxation by Commonwealth Government.					Taxation by State Governments.	Total Taxation.
	Customs and Excise.	Income Taxes.	Sales Tax.	Other.	Total.		
1938–39	47,633	11,883	9,308	5,287	74,111	50,507	124,618
1950–51	165,004	(a) 451,488	57,173	103,522	777,187	51,762	828,949
1951–52	213,917	(a) 551,142	95,459	73,493	934,011	63,010	997,021
1952–53	183,824	(a) 554,737	89,067	67,836	895,464	70,987	966,451
1953–54	220,217	(a) 528,181	95,689	56,363	900,450	80,217	980,667

PER HEAD OF POPULATION.

(£ s. d.)

1938–39	6 17 5	1 14 3	1 6 10	0 15 3	10 13 9	7 6 1	17 19 5
1950–51	19 17 0	(a) 54 6 5	6 17 7	12 9 2	93 10 2	6 5 1	99 14 9
1951–52	25 1 0	(a) 64 10 10	11 3 7	8 12 1	109 7 6	7 8 3	116 15 1
1952–53	21 0 4	(a) 63 8 4	10 3 8	7 15 1	102 7 5	8 3 1	110 9 9
1953–54	24 14 10	(a) 59 6 10	10 15 0	6 6 8	101 3 4	9 1 2	110 3 7

(a) Includes Wool Deduction—1950-51, £109,531,000 (£13 3s. 7d. per head); 1951-52, £5,963,000 (14s. 0d. per head); 1952-53, —£2,223,000 (—5s. 1d. per head) and 1953-54, —£239,000 (—6d. per head).

TAXATION.—COMMONWEALTH REIMBURSEMENTS TO STATES AND STATE COLLECTIONS, 1953-54.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Total.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Commonwealth Tax Reimbursement ..	47,733	29,352	19,257	10,384	9,623	4,066	120,415
State Tax Collections	29,749	22,300	12,817	6,911	4,682	3,758	80,217
Total ..	77,482	51,652	32,074	17,295	14,305	7,824	200,632
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Per head of population	22 15 0	21 6 4	24 13 3	22 0 0	22 13 8	25 5 8	22 13 2

COMMONWEALTH AND STATE PUBLIC DEBT.

Particulars.	Where Redeemable or Payable.	At 30th June— 1939.	1952.	1953.	1954.	At 31st December, 1954.
TOTAL DEBT. (£'000.)						
Commonwealth—						
War (1914–18)	Australia £A.	175,194	148,561	144,799	138,430	135,138
	London £Stg.(a)	11,020	7,534	7,534	7,534	7,534
War (1939–45)	Australia £A.	..	1,479,140	1,467,002	1,458,992	1,460,095
	London £Stg.	..	5,775	5,775	5,775	5,775
Works, &c. ..	Australia £A.	43,303	149,236	176,842	209,587	218,195
	London £Stg.	72,097	50,434	50,071	49,478	49,061
	New York £(b)	15,913	28,139	36,192	41,933	45,456
	Switzerland(c)	..	..	..	6,126	6,126
Total ..	Australia £A.	218,497	1,776,937	1,788,643	1,807,009	1,813,428
	London £Stg.	83,117	63,743	63,380	62,787	62,370
	New York £(b)	15,913	28,139	36,192	41,933	45,456
	Switzerland(c)	..	..	..	6,126	6,126
Total(d) ..	..	317,527	1,868,819	1,888,215	1,917,855	1,927,380
State	Australia £A.	485,179	1,081,589	1,230,404	1,379,019	1,459,573
	London £Stg.	384,328	290,095	289,493	288,392	287,887
	New York £(b)	28,265	23,992	23,751	21,537	20,479
Total(d) ..	..	897,772	1,395,676	1,543,648	1,688,948	1,767,939
Grand Total ..	Australia £A.	703,676	2,858,526	3,019,047	3,186,028	3,273,001
	London £Stg.	467,445	353,838	352,873	351,179	350,257
	New York £(b)	44,178	52,131	59,943	63,470	65,935
	Switzerland(c)	..	..	..	6,126	6,126
Total(d) ..	..	1,215,299	3,264,495	3,431,863	3,606,803	3,695,319
DEBT PER HEAD OF POPULATION. (£ s. d.)						
Grand Total ..	Australia £A.	100 19 10	330 10 5	341 18 7	(e)354 10 5	362 9 4
	London £Stg.	67 1 8	40 18 3	39 19 4	(e) 39 1 6	38 15 10
	New York £(b)	6 6 10	6 0 7	6 15 9	(e) 7 1 3	7 6 0
	Switzerland(c)	..	..	..	0 13 8	0 13 7
Total(d) ..	..	174 8 4	377 9 3	388 13 8	(e)401 6 10	409 4 9
ANNUAL INTEREST PAYABLE. (£'000.)						
Grand Total, Commonwealth and State ..	Australia £A.	25,585	77,946	86,576	94,924	97,085
	London £Stg.(a)	18,366	11,267	11,355	11,353	11,322
	New York £(b)	2,219	2,108	2,453	2,599	2,647
	Switzerland(c)	..	..	..	245	245
Total(f) ..	..	46,170	91,321	100,384	109,121	111,299
AVERAGE RATES OF INTEREST PAYABLE PER CENT. (£ s. d.)						
Commonwealth and State ..	Australia ..	3 12 9	2 14 6	2 17 4	2 19 7	2 19 5
	London(a) ..	3 18 7	3 3 8	3 4 4	3 4 8	3 4 8
	New York ..	5 0 6	4 0 10	4 1 10	4 1 11	4 0 3
	Switzerland ..	..	..	..	4 0 0	4 0 0
Total ..	..	3 16 0	2 16 0	2 18 6	3 0 6	3 0 4

(a) Excludes debt (£79,724,000) and interest payable (£3,920,000) due to United Kingdom Government under the Funding Arrangements Act 1921. Repayment of this debt and payment of interest were suspended in 1931 by arrangement with the United Kingdom Government. (b) Payable in dollars. For the purpose of this table, dollars have been converted on the basis of $4.8665 to £1. (c) Payable in Swiss francs converted on the basis of 9.79512 fr. to £1. (d) The total "face" or "book" values of the public debt of the Commonwealth and States, without adjustment on account of differences in currency (*see* note (b)). (e) Revised. (f) Nominal amount, taking no account of exchange.

COMMONWEALTH AND STATE SHORT-TERM DEBT.(a) (£'000.)

Debt.	Where Redeemable.	At 30th June— 1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.	At 31st March, 1955.
Commonwealth ..	Australia £A. ..	108,280	108,280	153,280	225,000	190,000	210,000
	London £Stg. ..	1,470	1,220	970	720	470	220
State	Australia £A. ..	..	2,400	..	..	..	..
	London £Stg. ..	22,868	22,868	22,868	22,868	22,868	22,868
Total ..	Australia £A. ..	108,280	110,680	153,280	225,000	190,000	210,000
	London £Stg. ..	24,338	24,088	23,838	23,588	23,338	23,088

(a) Included above; excludes Overdrafts and Internal Treasury Bills.

Section VII.—Social Statistics.

COMMONWEALTH EXPENDITURE ON SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES.

(£'000.)

Social and Health Services.	1938–39.	1951–52.	1952–53.	1953–54.	Nine Months ended March —	
					1954.	1955.
Social Benefits—						
Age and Invalid Pensions..	15,992	59,788	72,424	81,293	59,747	66,498
Child Endowment ..	..	46,625	53,244	50,761	38,112	39,549
Commonwealth Rehabilitation Service	..	361	454	429	318	327
Funeral Benefits ..	..	276	270	288	225	237
Maternity Allowances ..	436	3,157	3,248	3,226	2,433	2,493
Unemployment and Sickness Benefits	..	1,008	6,255	4,543	3,734	1,998
Widows' Pensions ..	..	5,615	6,334	6,626	4,767	5,224
National Health Services—						
Hospital Benefits ..	..	6,683	7,223	8,330	5,950	7,031
Medical Benefits ..	..	..	..	1,434	635	2,954
Medical Benefits for Pensioners	..	1,036	1,740	2,115	1,563	1,883
Nutrition for Children ..	..	815	1,521	1,999	996	1,374
Pharmaceutical Benefits ..	..	7,327	6,487	8,219	5,245	6,315
Pharmaceutical Benefits for Pensioners	..	358	729	1,011	707	945
Miscellaneous	..	162	183	216	144	180
Mental Institution Benefits..	..	518	523	495	331	207
Tuberculosis Campaign(*a*) ..	..	3,879	4,876	5,580	2,063	2,929
Total	16,428	137,608	165,511	176,565	126,970	140,144

(*a*) Includes allowances and reimbursements to States for maintenance of hospitals.

COMMONWEALTH AGE AND INVALID PENSIONS.

State and Year.	Number of Pensioners at 30th June.			Number per 10,000 of Population.		Average Fortnightly Pension at 30th June.		Pensions Paid during Year. (*a*)	
	Age.	Invalid.	Total Age and Invalid.	Age.	Invalid.	Age.	Invalid.	Amount.	Per Head of Popn.
						£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£'000.	£ s. d.
			1953–54.						
New South Wales(*b*)	164,706	35,611	200,317	477	103	6 14 2	6 17 11	34,042	9 18 2
Victoria	98,210	15,882	114,092	400	65	6 14 8	6 14 8	19,978	8 4 11
Queensland ..	58,361	11,022	69,383	443	84	6 14 6	6 17 2	12,017	9 4 9
South Australia(*c*) ..	36,353	4,511	40,864	447	55	6 13 6	6 16 10	7,075	8 16 5
Western Australia ..	27,248	4,101	31,349	426	64	6 14 0	6 16 7	5,375	8 10 5
Tasmania ..	12,906	2,605	15,511	418	84	6 9 10	6 14 1	2,794	9 0 7
Abroad	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12	..
Australia ..	397,784	73,732	471,516	443	82	6 14 2	6 16 10	81,293	9 2 8
1952–53 ..	374,791	70,232	445,023	425	80	6 8 4	6 10 11	72,424	8 5 10
1951–52 ..	352,049	67,963	420,012	408	79	5 14 2	5 16 4	59,788	7 0 2
1950–51 ..	342,806	68,918	411,724	407	82	4 15 5	4 16 8	49,520	5 19 3
1949–50 ..	334,923	73,494	408,417	409	90	4 0 10	4 2 0	44,557	5 10 9
1938–39 ..	232,836	88,812	321,648	335	128	(*d*)	(*d*)	15,992	2 6 2

(*a*) Includes amounts paid to Benevolent Homes for maintenance of pensioners and to pensioner inmates of these homes and from year 1943–44 includes allowances to wives of invalid pensioners. (*b*) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (*c*) Includes Northern Territory. (*d*) Combined rate 38s. 5d.

NOTE.—The Commonwealth Government commenced to pay age pensions on 1st July, 1909, and invalid pensions on 15th December, 1910. Age pensions are payable to women of 60 years and over, and to men of 65 years and over, who are natural-born or naturalized British subjects with residence for at least 20 years in Australia or Australian Territory. Invalid pensions are payable after five years' residence in Australia to natural-born or naturalized persons of sixteen years or over who are permanently incapacitated for work or are permanently blind and have become so in Australia. Fortnightly rate £7 from 29th October, 1953. These pensions are subject to income and property qualifications.

COMMONWEALTH CHILD ENDOWMENT.

State, etc. and Year.	Endowed Families at 30th June.		Number per 10,000 of Population.		Amount paid during Year.	
	Claims in Force.	Endowed Children. (a)	Claims.	Endowed Children. (a)	Amount.	Per Head of Population
	No.	No.			£'000.	£ s. d.
1953–54.						
New South Wales(b)	501,272	1,031,898	1,451	2,988	19,138	5 11 5
Victoria	339,022	699,220	1,382	2,851	13,165	5 8 8
Queensland ..	183,726	407,970	1,394	3,094	8,003	6 3 1
South Australia(c) ..	117,644	245,973	1,446	3,023	4,577	5 14 2
Western Australia ..	93,117	202,098	1,456	3,159	3,883	6 3 2
Tasmania ..	45,246	101,540	1,465	3,288	1,989	6 8 6
Abroad	412	878	..	..	6	..
Total ..	1,280,439	2,689,577	1,425	2,993	50,761	5 14 1
1952–53 ..	1,246,986	2,599,026	1,415	2,948	53,244	6 1 11
1951–52 ..	1,205,421	2,493,246	1,396	2,887	46,625	5 9 4
1950–51 ..	1,150,847	2,365,177	1,366	2,808	43,585	5 5 0
1949–50 ..	662,949	1,813,925	811	2,218	30,337	3 15 5

(a) Excludes endowed children in approved institutions at 30th June, 1954, 27,397 in 387 institutions; 1953, 24,951 in 376 institutions; 1952, 24,623 in 379 institutions; 1951, 23,753 in 370 institutions; 1950, 22,397 in 375 institutions. (b) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (c) Includes Northern Territory.

NOTE.—From 1st July, 1941, the scheme provided for payment of 5s. per week (increased to 7s. 6d. per week from 26th June, 1945, and to 10s. per week from 9th November, 1948) for each child in excess of one under sixteen years of age maintained in a family, and for each child under sixteen years of age in an approved institution.

From 20th June, 1950, the rate of endowment payable has been (i) where the endowee has the custody of one child only—5s. per week; (ii) where the endowee has the custody of two or more children—in respect of the elder or eldest child 5s. per week and in respect of each other child 10s. per week; and (iii) for each child in an approved institution 10s. per week.

COMMONWEALTH WIDOWS' PENSIONS.(a)

State and Year.	Pensions Current at 30th June.(a)		Number of Children for whom Pensions Payable at 30th June.	Average Fortnightly Rate of Pension.	Pensions paid during Year.	
	Number.	Per 10,000 of Population.			Amount.	Per Head of Population.
				£ s. d.	£'000.	s. d.
1953–54.						
New South Wales(b)	16,675	48	7,844	6 8 0	2,767	16 1
Victoria	9,827	40	3,853	6 5 3	1,567	12 1
Queensland ..	6,943	53	3,242	6 7 6	1,119	17 2
South Australia(c) ..	3,157	39	1,339	6 4 9	506	12 7
Western Australia ..	2,753	43	1,106	6 4 0	435	13 10
Tasmania ..	1,371	44	716	6 5 0	231	14 11
Abroad	..	..	..	..	1	..
Australia ..	40,726	45	18,100	6 6 8	6,626	14 11
1952–53 ..	41,028	47	17,980	6 0 0	6,334	14 6
1951–52 ..	40,758	47	17,424	5 8 2	5,615	13 2
1950–51 ..	41,962	50	17,717	4 10 10	4,828	11 8
1949–50 ..	42,894	52	17,760	3 19 3	4,421	11 0

(a) Excludes sixteen (1953–54), sixteen (1952–53), eleven (1951–52), nine (1950–51), and fourteen (1949–50) pensions in respect of pensioners in Benevolent Homes. (b) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (c) Includes Northern Territory.

NOTE.—The Commonwealth Government commenced to pay Widows' Pensions from 1st July, 1942. Provision is made for payment of pensions subject to income and property qualifications, to the following classes of women:—"A" Class—a widow who has one or more children under 16 years of age—£3 15s. per week; "B" Class—a widow not less than 50 years of age and without children under 16 years of age—£2 17s. 6d. per week; "C" Class—a widow without children and in necessitous circumstances—£2 17s. 6d. per week for 26 weeks after husband's death, or for approximately 39 weeks in certain cases; and "D" Class—a woman whose husband has been in prison for over six months, maintaining children under 16 years or who is not less than 50 years of age—£2 17s. 6d. per week. Rates are as from 3rd November, 1953.

COMMONWEALTH MATERNITY ALLOWANCES.

Year.	N.S.W. (a)	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A. (b)	W.A.	Tas.	Overseas.	Australia.
NUMBER OF CLAIMS PAID.								
1938–39 ..	30,860	20,819	12,880	7,204	5,213	3,940	..	80,916
1949–50 ..	73,566	49,035	28,652	17,273	13,759	7,408	40	189,733
1950–51 ..	72,003	50,210	29,155	17,864	14,986	7,250	119	191,587
1951–52 ..	72,688	52,144	30,737	17,380	15,074	7,626	73	195,722
1952–53 ..	74,011	55,297	31,058	19,068	15,535	7,983	90	203,042
1953–54 ..	72,380	54,219	30,889	18,749	15,803	7,726	48	199,814
AMOUNT PAID. (£.)								
1938–39 ..	167,710	110,219	70,723	37,860	28,338	21,764	..	436,614
1949–50 ..	1,155,379	777,920	459,130	275,091	219,741	119,712	933	3,007,906
1950–51 ..	1,149,164	807,030	467,673	276,509	239,343	116,465	1,335	3,057,519
1951–52 ..	1,182,358	835,643	489,751	283,702	241,426	122,618	1,494	3,156,992
1952–53 ..	1,195,046	872,085	496,982	305,264	248,925	128,125	1,878	3,248,305
1953–54 ..	1,173,058	874,376	496,802	301,146	253,442	125,400	1,695	3,225,919

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory.

NOTE.—The Maternity Allowance Act came into force on 10th October, 1912. From 1st July, 1947, the allowances payable have been as follows: (i) no other children under 16 years, £15; (ii) one or two other children under 16 years, £16; (iii) three or more other children under 16 years, £17 10s. Where more than one child is born at a birth the allowance is increased by £5 in respect of each additional child born at that birth. From 1st July, 1943, the means test was abolished.

UNEMPLOYMENT AND SICKNESS BENEFITS PAID.(a)

(For particulars of persons on benefit *see* page 93.)

(£.)

Period.	N.S.W. (b)	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A. (c)	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT.									
1949–50 ..	1,064,698	6,666	141,446	33,089	18,163	2,010	..	..	1,266,072
1950–51 ..	25,324	7,731	22,485	350	5,360	1,194	..	..	62,444
1951–52 ..	55,135	11,215	114,226	1,025	4,374	1,036	..	..	187,011
1952–53 ..	2,686,297	923,732	662,099	132,042	123,732	41,845	..	..	4,569,747
1953–54 ..	1,247,216	507,676	581,865	50,213	75,904	42,589	..	..	2,505,463
Quarter ended—									
March, 1954	225,175	59,869	204,773	6,929	14,213	4,687	..	..	515,646
June, ,,	134,691	52,667	125,676	3,942	9,746	4,724	..	..	331,446
September ,,	102,468	40,295	51,475	4,042	7,668	5,176	7	93	211,224
December ,,	52,240	23,474	36,644	3,165	5,099	6,262	22	208	127,114
March, 1955	48,981	22,098	98,014	3,151	6,783	2,547	23	164	181,761
SICKNESS BENEFIT.									
1949–50 ..	307,315	217,782	111,840	83,826	58,323	36,928	..	..	816,014
1950–51 ..	296,418	197,719	96,540	70,770	53,911	30,358	..	..	745,716
1951–52 ..	262,244	181,117	123,075	70,482	48,691	24,278	..	..	709,887
1952–53 ..	546,432	370,354	208,889	133,783	84,682	49,154	..	..	1,393,294
1953–54 ..	697,949	405,414	257,633	153,042	106,836	54,719	..	..	1,675,593
Quarter ended—									
March, 1954	168,613	63,435	86,833	37,572	26,140	10,940	..	..	393,533
June, ,,	166,846	99,182	36,091	40,213	25,362	13,789	..	..	381,483
September, ,,	192,440	96,474	53,790	33,112	25,711	12,995	287	560	415,369
December ,,	156,620	99,482	68,687	34,427	25,429	13,618	501	960	399,724
March, 1955	159,218	88,932	82,199	36,505	23,587	11,196	419	619	402,675

(a) In addition £424,338 (Australian total) was paid in Special Benefits during 1949–50; £229,053 during 1950–51; £110,759 during 1951–52; £292,431 during 1952–53; and £362,398 during 1953–54. Amounts paid to migrants are also included. (b) Includes Australian Capital Territory to June, 1954. (c) Includes Northern Territory to June, 1954.

NOTE.—The Social Services Act 1947–1955 provides for the payment of benefit to persons whose normal earnings have been interrupted through unemployment or sickness. The rate of benefit per week is £2 10s. for a married person or an unmarried adult, plus £2 for dependent spouse and 5s. for a dependent child. For unmarried juveniles the rate of benefits is £1 10s. if under 18 years and £2 if 18 and under 21 years and 5s. for a dependent child. In certain cases £2 per week may be paid in respect of claimant's housekeeper. Rates operated from 22nd September, 1952. For unemployment benefit, allowable income means income of claimant and spouse: for sickness benefit, allowable income means income of claimant only, but excludes amounts of up to £2 per week from an approved Friendly Society. The permissible weekly income varies from 5s. for persons over 16 years of age to 20s. for adults and married persons.

AUSTRALIAN WAR AND SERVICE PENSIONS.

(i) War Pensions.

Place of Payment and Year.	Number of War Pensions Current at 30th June.				Average Fortnightly Rate of Pensions.			Expenditure during Year.
	Incapacitated Members of Forces.	Dependants of Incapacitated Members of Forces.	Dependants of Deceased Members of Forces.	Total.	Incapacitated Members of Forces.	Dependants of Deceased and Incapacitated Members of Forces.	All War Pensioners.	
					£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£'000.
1953–54.								
New South Wales(a)	67,366	109,757	16,900	194,023	4 5 0	1 11 11	2 10 4	12,578
Victoria ..	54,213	86,456	13,941	154,610	4 7 5	1 13 4	2 12 5	10,601
Queensland ..	24,184	43,018	5,177	72,379	4 9 10	1 8 10	2 9 2	4,591
South Australia(b)	18,775	36,315	3,953	59,043	4 7 3	1 8 7	2 7 3	3,584
Western Australia	17,878	31,579	3,895	53,352	3 17 3	1 7 10	2 4 5	3,087
Tasmania ..	7,976	15,290	1,669	24,935	5 6 8	1 11 2	2 15 4	1,820
United Kingdom	1,426	1,718	1,279	4,423	4 17 0	3 8 0	3 17 4	406
Elsewhere ..	385	381	135	901	4 1 10	2 9 5	3 3 4	130
Total ..	192,203	324,514	46,949	563,666	4 6 9	1 11 5	2 10 4	36,797
1952–53..	188,395	308,757	46,822	543,974	4 1 1	1 11 1	2 8 5	34,356
1951–52..	184,848	292,952	47,015	524,815	3 13 4	1 8 9	2 4 6	31,845
1950–51..	180,836	274,654	47,185	502,675	3 6 4	1 0 1	2 2 6	26,192
1949–50..	174,544	249,554	47,158	471,256	2 10 4	1 4 2	1 13 10	20,864
1938–39..	77,151	144,571	27,571	249,293	1 19 10	0 16 6	1 3 8	7,819

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory.

(ii) Service Pensions.

State of Payment and Year.	Number of Service Pensions Current at 30th June.						Average Fortnightly Rate of Pensions.	Expenditure during Year.
	Aged Members of Forces.	Permanently Unemployable.		Sufferers from Pulmonary Tuberculosis.		Total.		
		Members of Forces.	Dependants.	Members of Forces.	Dependants.			
							£ s. d.	£'000.
1953–54.								
New South Wales(a)	3,863	1,603	1,610	164	236	7,476	5 4 9	978
Victoria ..	1,961	1,290	1,228	57	90	4,626	5 2 11	602
Queensland ..	1,666	935	852	38	45	3,536	5 8 5	467
South Australia(b)	773	590	565	24	44	1,996	5 2 8	259
Western Australia	1,159	661	593	31	24	2,468	5 2 0	303
Tasmania ..	226	215	244	7	12	704	4 16 1	86
Australia ..	9,648	5,294	5,092	321	451	20,806	5 4 2	2,695
1952–53 ..	8,703	4,971	4,780	291	432	19,177	4 16 6	2,225
1951–52 ..	7,587	4,561	4,270	269	389	17,076	4 6 9	1,778
1950–51 ..	7,456	4,492	3,911	279	374	16,512	3 13 11	1,507
1949–50 ..	7,448	4,608	3,598	299	385	16,338	3 7 6	1,432
1938–39 ..	3,397	3,393	4,667	619	1,032	13,108	1 5 10	407

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory.

GOVERNMENT AND NON-GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS.

(Number.)

State or Territory and Year.	Schools.	Teachers.	Scholars.	
			Average Weekly Enrolment.	Average Daily Attendance.
GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS.				
1952.				
New South Wales(a) ..	2,530	14,169	424,152	376,098
Victoria	2,013	9,842	264,869	238,798
Queensland	1,571	6,144	(b) 174,837	154,666
South Australia	682	3,756	100,379	91,815
Western Australia	500	2,726	76,874	71,654
Tasmania	315	1,717	45,422	41,824
Northern Territory(c) ..	9	53	1,457	1,216
Australia	7,620	38,407	1,087,990	976,071
1951	7,648	36,740	1,012,874	899,514
1950	7,790	36,085	958,112	844,123
1949	7,874	34,090	917,256	810,800
1948	7,971	33,287	869,861	770,554
1939	9,940	31,199	859,663	744,095
NON-GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS.(d)				
1952.				
New South Wales(a) ..	750	6,014	138,306	124,450
Victoria	478	3,353	103,297	(e) 93,587
Queensland	274	1,957	49,491	45,588
South Australia	146	1,020	22,393	20,334
Western Australia	217	940	24,364	22,792
Tasmania	59	418	9,594	8,710
Northern Territory(c) ..	2	12	386	335
Australia	1,926	13,714	347,831	315,796
1951	1,890	13,251	326,258	293,429
1950	1,870	12,909	309,673	275,562
1949	1,843	12,526	293,306	264,164
1948	1,835	12,408	281,354	251,092
1939	1,863	11,496	250,860	219,171

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Enrolments at 1st August, 1952. (c) Year ended 30th June, 1953. (d) Includes all schools not wholly under Government control. (e) Estimated.

UNIVERSITIES.

University or College and Year.	Teaching Staff.		Students Enrolled.	Degrees Conferred.	Total Income. (a)	Total Expenditure (a)
	Full-time.	Part-time.				
	No.	No.	No.	No.	£	£
	1954.				1953.	
Sydney	480	402	6,983	1,664	1,703,142	1,660,405
Melbourne	376	209	6,888	1,063	1,587,510	1,552,132
Queensland (Brisbane) ..	253	205	4,112	417	847,915	830,629
Adelaide	182	147	4,115	364	738,869	724,735
Western Australia (Perth)	113	34	1,852	253	565,314	548,930
Tasmania (Hobart) ..	74	14	699	101	249,277	242,383
N.S.W. University of Technology (Sydney) ..	279	421	4,159	64	1,237,906	1,237,906
New England (Armidale, N.S.W.)	57	16	239	..	181,262	180,854
Canberra University College	26	25	327	..	84,737	89,742
Australia	1,840	1,473	29,374	3,926	7,195,932	7,067,716
1953	1,750	1,341	28,792	3,926	7,195,932	7,067,716
1952	1,680	1,318	29,641	4,304	7,101,330	6,865,346
1951	1,549	1,533	31,671	4,498	5,720,060	5,352,421
1950	1,298	1,090	30,630	4,506	3,756,978	3,746,602
1939	609	675	14,236	1,802	989,791	974,394

(a) Since 1952 the finances relate to income and expenditure (including capital items). Prior to 1952 the figures were as presented by each university on a receipts (or income) and payments (or expenditure) basis (excluding capital items) and are not suitable for the construction of a profit and loss statement or revenue account, or for ascertaining the surplus or deficit for the year. In several cases Government subsidies relating to expenditure made in earlier years have been included in revenue.

NOTE.—In addition, the Australian National University, Canberra, A.C.T. (a Post-Graduate Research University), had in 1954 a teaching staff of 97, with 71 Post-graduate scholars. In 1953 the income was £1,640,439 and the expenditure was £1,530,599 (*see* Note (a)).

POLICE AND PRISONS.

(Number.)

State or Territory and Year.	Police.	Prisons.	Prisoners at end of Period.
	1952.		
New South Wales	4,688	(a) 15	(a) 2,135
Victoria	2,992	9	1,248
Queensland (a)	2,449	7	538
South Australia	(a) 1,091	16	437
Western Australia (a)	929	19	374
Tasmania (a)	418	2	154
Northern Territory (a)	50	2	44
Australian Capital Territory ..	60	..	..
Australia	12,677	70	4,930
1951	12,318	69	4,444
1950	11,677	71	4,089
1949	11,238	71	3,982
1948	10,850	72	3,680
1939 ..	9,566	74	3,336

(a) Year ended 30th June, 1953.

PUBLIC HOSPITALS.

State or Territory and Year.	Hospitals.	Beds. (a)	Staff.		In-patients Treated. (b)	Revenue. (c)	Expenditure. (c)
			Medical.	Nursing.			
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	£'000.	£'000.
1952–53.							
New South Wales	261	19,105	3,768	10,061	394,509	19,168	18,159
Victoria ..	110	10,894	1,706	6,088	187,930	12,905	13,413
Queensland ..	140	9,852	684	4,721	184,189	7,523	9,044
South Australia..	62	3,527	518	1,913	61,681	3,721	3,679
Western Australia	96	4,220	313	2,082	70,646	4,270	4,140
Tasmania ..	22	1,940	216	890	31,688	1,499	1,470
Nor. Territory ..	4	313	13	95	4,910	32	376
Aust. Cap. Terr...	1	225	28	90	4,303	260	260
Total ..	696	50,076	7,246	25,940	939,856	49,378	50,541
1951–52	675	47,328	6,889	24,556	896,020	39,989	43,328
1950–51	664	46,417	6,424	23,055	867,721	31,440	32,582
1949–50	648	45,559	5,917	22,235	823,395	24,944	26,205
1948–49	624	44,515	5,471	21,245	730,009	19,465	20,661
1938–39	563	35,711	4,059	13,582	552,051	6,342	6,351

(a) Includes particulars, where available, of a considerable number of beds and cots for certain classes of cases in outdoor or verandah sleeping places. (b) Newborn are excluded. Out-patient cases treated at public hospitals during 1952–53 were as follows:—New South Wales, 1,084,875; Victoria, 431,981; Queensland, 766,786; South Australia, 112,339; Western Australia, 109,114 (estimated); Tasmania, 84,094; Northern Territory, 45,765; and Australian Capital Territory, 8,188; Australia, 2,643,042. (c) Excludes Loan Receipts and Expenditure for New South Wales.

MENTAL HOSPITALS.

State and Year.	Hospitals.	Beds.	Staff.		Patients at end of Year.	Revenue.	Expenditure.
			Medical.	Nursing.			
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	£'000.	£'000.
1952–53.							
New South Wales	13	12,471	(a) 66	1,923	12,979	509	3,951
Victoria(b) ..	9	6,716	53	1,571	7,707	(c) 167	(c) 3,638
Queensland(d) ..	4	4,558	11	790	4,554	16	1,365
South Australia..	2	2,536	10	388	2,534	102	882
Western Australiab	4	1,495	6	270	1,666	(c) 54	(c) 596
Tasmania ..	1	770	3	190	750	18	282
Australia ..	33	28,546	149	5,132	30,190	866	10,714
1951–52	33	27,537	167	4,985	29,563	861	8,749
1950–51	33	27,512	138	4,826	28,932	812	6,450
1949–50	33	27,397	128	4,694	27,922	725	5,391
1948–49	33	27,272	116	4,487	27,423	594	4,485
1938–39	35	25,654	92	4,922	26,509	263	1,904

(a) In addition there were 41 visiting paid specialists. (b) Year 1952. (c) Year 1952–53. (d) Includes the Epileptic Home.

Section VIII.—Private Finance.

CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.

Average Liabilities within Australia.(a)

(£'000.)

Period.	Interminable Deposits or Deposit Stock.	Deposits.			Notes in Circulation.	Balances due to other Banks. (b)	Bills Payable and all other Liabilities.	Total Liabilities.
		Not Bearing Interest.	Bearing Interest.	Total.				
COMMONWEALTH TRADING BANK OF AUSTRALIA.(c)								
1950–51	..	89,234	19,405	108,639	..	3,014	7,950	119,603
1951–52	..	90,595	20,093	110,688	..	2,644	8,524	121,856
1952–53	..	96,664	22,817	119,481	..	3,820	8,569	131,870
1953–54	..	120,885	35,352	156,237	..	2,034	11,766	170,037
Quarter ended—								
March, 1954 ..	..	121,981	37,291	159,272	..	418	15,470	175,160
June, „ ..	..	127,291	37,994	165,285	..	323	15,479	181,087
September, „ ..	..	125,315	41,011	166,326	..	282	15,042	181,650
December, „ ..	..	131,285	44,135	175,420	..	330	16,133	191,883
March, 1955 ..	..	131,406	43,311	174,717	..	320	16,642	191,679
Month of—								
January, 1955 ..	..	127,293	42,921	170,214	..	340	17,540	188,094
February, „ ..	..	129,543	42,514	172,057	..	359	16,160	188,576
March, „ ..	..	136,187	44,260	180,447	..	272	16,310	197,029
PRIVATE TRADING BANKS.								
1950–51	729	896,499	247,727	1,144,226	158	50,259	18,240	1,213,612
1951–52	729	963,524	238,217	1,201,741	158	61,527	14,970	1,279,125
1952–53	226	943,747	218,699	1,162,446	158	10,628	14,247	1,187,705
1953–54	14	1,035,707	239,774	1,275,481	158	3,360	14,980	1,293,993
Quarter ended—								
March, 1954 ..	13	1,091,973	244,836	1,336,809	158	3,170	15,574	1,355,724
June, „ ..	12	1,077,676	248,341	1,326,017	158	3,176	15,406	1,344,769
September, „ ..	11	1,006,671	256,025	1,262,696	158	2,756	14,877	1,280,498
December, „ ..	8	1,037,780	263,171	1,300,951	158	3,193	16,935	1,321,245
March, 1955 ..	8	1,086,235	266,503	1,352,738	158	3,238	17,110	1,373,252
Month of—								
January, 1955 ..	8	1,069,851	264,934	1,334,785	158	3,211	15,275	1,353,437
February „ ..	8	1,089,018	267,208	1,356,226	158	3,400	18,595	1,378,387
March „ ..	8	1,097,116	267,195	1,364,311	158	3,129	17,391	1,384,997
OTHER CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.								
1950–51	20,056	31,947	12,421	44,368	..	194	1,594	66,212
1951–52	19,336	37,445	13,369	50,814	..	504	1,478	72,132
1952–53	19,286	35,848	15,302	51,150	..	622	525	71,583
1953–54	19,734	39,408	15,309	54,717	..	664	454	75,569
Quarter ended—								
March, 1954 ..	19,618	42,754	15,680	58,434	..	428	463	78,943
June, „ ..	20,240	43,619	15,962	59,581	..	438	494	80,753
September, „ ..	20,444	41,570	15,829	57,399	..	431	382	78,656
December, „ ..	20,471	40,169	16,033	56,202	..	555	596	77,824
March, 1955 ..	20,485	43,069	16,298	59,367	..	535	431	80,818
Month of—								
January, 1955 ..	20,431	42,597	16,342	58,939	..	402	329	80,101
February, „ ..	20,480	44,017	16,411	60,428	..	521	437	81,866
March, „ ..	20,531	42,688	16,173	58,861	..	655	507	80,554
ALL-CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.								
1950–51	20,785	1,017,680	279,553	1,297,233	158	53,467	27,784	1,399,427
1951–52	20,065	1,091,564	271,679	1,363,243	158	64,675	24,972	1,473,113
1952–53	19,512	1,076,259	256,818	1,333,077	158	15,070	23,341	1,391,158
1953–54	19,748	1,196,000	290,435	1,486,435	158	6,058	27,200	1,539,599
Quarter ended—								
March, 1954 ..	19,632	1,256,708	297,806	1,554,514	158	4,016	31,507	1,609,827
June, „ ..	20,252	1,248,586	302,297	1,550,883	158	3,937	31,379	1,606,609
September, „ ..	20,455	1,173,556	312,865	1,486,421	158	3,469	30,301	1,540,804
December, „ ..	20,479	1,209,234	323,339	1,532,573	158	4,078	33,664	1,590,952
March, 1955 ..	20,493	1,260,710	326,112	1,586,822	158	4,093	34,183	1,645,749
Month of—								
January, 1955 ..	20,439	1,239,741	324,197	1,563,938	158	3,953	33,144	1,621,632
February, „ ..	20,488	1,262,578	326,133	1,588,711	158	4,280	35,192	1,648,829
March, „ ..	20,539	1,275,991	327,628	1,603,619	158	4,056	34,208	1,662,580

(a) Averages of liabilities at close of business on weekly balance days in periods. (b) Includes short term loans from Central Bank. (c) General Banking Division of Commonwealth Bank prior to 3rd December, 1953.

Cheque-paying Banks—*continued.*

Average Assets within Australia.(a)

(£'000.)

Period.	Cash and Cash Balances.(b)	Special Account with C'wealth Bank.	Balances with other Banks. (c)	Australian Public Securities.		Other Securities.	Loans, Advances and Bills Discounted.	All other Assets.	Total Assets.
				Treasury Bills.	Other.				
COMMONWEALTH TRADING BANK OF AUSTRALIA.(d)									
1950–51	7,176	..	820	24,049	26,868	..	62,491	2,348	123,752
1951–52	6,581	..	994	26,392	13,274	2	76,407	3,230	126,880
1952–53	8,784	21,731	1,600	17,239	25,840	92	59,492	3,984	138,762
1953–54	11,000	34,800	787	23,404	29,924	1,284	69,204	4,360	174,763
Quarter ended—									
March, 1954 ..	10,235	35,435	789	19,484	35,078	1,278	71,729	4,540	178,568
June, ,, ..	11,767	39,265	931	15,131	35,078	1,383	73,964	4,764	182,283
September, ,, ..	9,914	38,496	749	10,327	35,826	1,543	83,096	5,024	184,975
December, ,, ..	10,299	36,291	925	14,166	39,409	1,604	86,033	5,580	194,307
March, 1955 ..	11,130	34,950	859	13,093	37,878	1,632	90,265	5,846	195,653
Month of—									
January, 1955 ..	11,595	34,950	820	10,712	36,293	1,640	89,717	5,489	191,216
February, ,, ..	10,298	34,950	832	12,713	37,709	1,628	89,996	5,961	194,087
March, ,, ..	11,427	34,950	911	15,300	39,283	1,628	90,917	6,039	200,455
PRIVATE TRADING BANKS.									
1950–51	59,333	500,317	23,761	36,887	90,244	1,126	479,322	18,988	1,209,978
1951–52	60,589	465,991	29,140	32,402	68,416	1,124	621,435	33,151	1,312,248
1952–53	74,712	211,737	22,580	123,059	86,513	2,313	638,092	29,693	1,188,699
1953–54	71,244	285,226	17,346	99,368	130,306	3,588	658,534	36,549	1,302,161
Quarter ended—									
March, 1954 ..	75,723	287,345	17,464	136,462	138,707	3,894	658,610	38,610	1,356,815
June, ,, ..	68,726	321,076	19,464	71,088	136,843	5,146	694,544	40,881	1,357,768
September, ,, ..	65,329	295,384	16,387	29,112	120,163	4,912	741,563	44,912	1,317,762
December, ,, ..	67,466	267,012	19,334	41,167	115,034	2,935	783,977	46,845	1,343,770
March, 1955 ..	73,148	259,613	18,717	89,404	125,176	2,536	773,074	50,381	1,392,049
Month of—									
January, 1955 ..	83,823	259,603	18,212	74,688	116,486	2,283	769,763	49,351	1,374,209
February, ,, ..	71,680	259,603	19,018	96,500	124,648	2,557	772,893	50,281	1,397,180
March, ,, ..	65,782	259,629	18,881	95,500	132,549	2,720	775,868	51,287	1,402,216
OTHER CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.									
1950–51	4,852	3,271	1,760	3,087	12,375	185	56,604	(e) 4,613	86,747
1951–52	5,104	2,612	1,800	2,925	14,880	111	61,816	5,423	94,671
1952–53	4,640	1,153	2,176	3,911	13,874	149	64,731	3,792	94,426
1953–54	5,091	1,090	2,409	7,326	13,977	432	65,982	3,815	100,122
Quarter ended—									
March, 1954 ..	5,693	1,092	2,326	10,314	14,131	344	66,040	3,895	103 835
June, ,, ..	4,889	1,117	2,187	10,756	14,206	902	66,883	4,500	105'440
September, ,, ..	4,773	1,117	2,220	6,392	14.333	1,058	69,387	5,002	104,'282
December, ,, ..	4,680	1,117	2,480	4,388	14,343	698	72,173	4,349	104,228
March, 1955 ..	4,656	1,107	2,442	6,728	13,730	526	72,781	5,158	107,128
Month of—									
January, 1955 ..	5,440	1,117	2,802	4,980	13,910	531	72,329	5,014	106,123
February, ,, ..	4,942	1 117	2,612	7,212	13,825	531	72,722	5,370	108,331
March, ,, ..	3,797	1,091	2,019	7,740	13,511	519	73,190	5,103	106,970
ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.									
1950–51	71,361	503,588	26,341	64,023	129,487	1,311	598,417	25,949	1,420,477
1951–52	72,274	468,603	31,934	61,719	96,570	1,237	759,658	41,804	1,533,799
1952–53	88,136	234,621	26,356	144,209	126,227	2,554	762,315	37,469	1,421,887
1953–54	87,335	321,116	20,542	130,098	174,207	5,304	793,720	44,724	1,577,046
Quarter ended—									
March, 1954 ..	91,651	323,872	20,579	166,260	187,916	5,516	796,379	47,045	1,639,218
June, ,, ..	85,382	361,458	22,582	96,975	186,127	7,431	835,391	50,145	1,645,491
September, ,, ..	80,016	334,997	19,356	45,831	170,322	7,513	894,046	54,938	1,607,019
December, ,, ..	82,445	304,420	22,739	59,721	168,786	5,237	942,183	56,774	1,642,305
March, 1955 ..	88,934	295,670	22,018	109,225	176,784	4,694	936,120	61,385	1,694,830
Month of—									
January, 1955 ..	100,858	295,670	21,834	90,380	166,689	4,454	931,809	59,854	1,671,548
February, ,, ..	86,920	295,670	22,462	116,425	176,182	4,716	935,611	61,612	1,699,598
March, ,, ..	81,006	295,670	21,811	118,540	185,343	4,867	939,975	62,429	1,709,641

(a) Averages of assets at close of business on weekly balance days in periods. (b) Coin, bullion, Australian notes and cash with Commonwealth Bank. (c) Includes notes, cheques and bills of other banks. (d) General Banking Division of Commonwealth Bank prior to 3rd December, 1953. (e) Includes Rural and Industries Bank of Western Australia account with State Treasury and State Bank of South Australia deposit with State Treasury.

COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA.

Rural Credits, Mortgage Bank and Industrial Finance Departments—Average Weekly Assets.

(£'000.)

Period.	Advances.					Treasury Bills.	Government and Municipal Securities.
	Rural Credits Department.	Mortgage Bank Department.	Industrial Finance Department.		Total.		
			Hire Purchase.	Other.			
1950–51	13,715	3,840	14,664	7,535	39,754	76	227
1951–52	19,653	4,153	15,480	8,666	47,952	63	463
1952–53	44,863	4,267	14,847	8,145	72,122	469	946
1953–54	43,183	4,528	16,631	4,749	69,091	628	1,745
Quarter ended—							
March, 1954 ..	49,680	4,625	16,648	4,676	75,629	615	1,883
June, „ ..	64,426	4,646	16,696	5,066	90,834	700	2,112
September, „ ..	56,915	4,686	16,896	6,134	84,631	885	1,859
December, „ ..	45,102	4,761	17,308	6,344	73,515	825	1,926
March, 1955 ..	73,190	4,900	17,103	6,367	101,560	754	2,265
Monthly—							
January, 1955 ..	53,637	4,814	17,390	6,212	82,053	725	2,219
February, „ ..	76,884	4,888	17,134	6,340	105,246	800	2,219
March, „ ..	85,878	4,978	16,849	6,512	114,217	740	2,339

COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA.

Central Banking Business (Including Note Issue Department).

(Averages of weekly figures.)

(£A'000.)

Period.	Notes on Issue.			Special Accounts of Trading Banks.	Other Deposits of Trading Banks.	Other Liabilities (excluding Capital and Reserve Funds).	Gold and Balances Held Abroad.	Government and Other Securities (including Treasury Bills).
	Held by—		Total.					
	Banks.	Public.						
1950–51	32,725	219,045	251,770	503,248	34,696	238,230	596,276	366,570
1951–52	38,087	255,552	293,639	468,800	31,112	270,937	470,644	503,039
1952–53	36,860	281,332	318,192	212,890	45,447	287,361	363,576	434,771
1953–54	38,539	299,684	338,223	306,820	41,731	283,397	512,615	407,979
Quarter ended—								
March, 1954 ..	39,729	299,423	339,152	323,872	45,809	261,514	530,668	385,948
June, „ ..	39,213	305,801	345,014	361,459	41,534	261,724	532,358	406,769
September, „ ..	38,678	309,206	347,884	334,997	37,198	250,973	455,946	456,168
December, „ ..	41,975	318,102	360,077	304,420	36,938	245,132	423,025	471,385
March, 1955 ..	42,450	316,415	358,865	295,670	41,892	244,140	408,009	452,049
Monthly—								
January, 1955 ..	46,587	317,052	363,639	295,670	49,242	241,395	414,903	474,997
February, „ ..	40,870	314,332	355,202	295,670	40,847	246,701	406,809	446,167
March, „ ..	40,405	317,572	357,977	295,670	36,848	244,288	403,454	438,397

COMMONWEALTH NOTES OUTSTANDING.

(£'000.)

Denomination.	27th Mar., 1939.	26th Mar., 1952.	25th Mar., 1953.	31st Mar., 1954.	26th Jan., 1955.	23rd Feb., 1955.	30th Mar., 1955.
10s.	4,112	9,440	9,719	9,915	10,078	10,072	10,201
£1	20,994	68,398	67,855	69,371	68,876	68,353	69,066
£5	11,496	136,623	154,512	169,292	172,758	173,095	176,513
£10	5,094	82,218	90,238	91,662	101,894	101,481	103,359
£20	109	7	6	6	6	5	5
£50	1,254	59	54	51	49	49	49
£100	2,241	62	60	57	55	55	55
£1,000	2,230	664	474	759	611	717	829
Held by Banks	14,821	36,392	35,550	39,233	41,071	38,875	40,507
„ „ Public	32,709	261,079	287,368	301,880	313,256	314,952	319,570
Total ..	47,530	297,471	322,918	341,113	354,327	353,827	360,077

SAVINGS BANKS—DEPOSITS.

(£'000.)

Amount on deposit at end of—	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	N. Terr.	Aust. Cap. Terr.	Total.
ALL SAVINGS BANKS.(a)									
June—									
1939 ..	87,474	80,461	29,045	27,397	12,396	8,396	99	319	245,587
1951 ..	284,467	281,779	98,840	97,849	44,672	27,155	965	1,717	837,444
1952 ..	304,532	300,882	102,661	103,726	47,171	30,119	1,036	1,821	891,898
1953 ..	319,149	319,971	109,360	113,875	49,794	32,078	1,116	2,154	947,497
1954 ..	339,796	339,781	117,406	122,949	52,614	33,947	1,308	2,328	1,010,129
Mar., 1954	331,335	328,988	114,288	119,095	51,091	33,304	1,227	2,312	981,640
June, ,,	339,796	339,781	117,406	122,949	52,614	33,947	1,308	2,328	1,010,129
Sept., ,,	344,311	346,584	121,447	125,483	53,065	34,869	1,325	2,468	1,029,552
Dec., ,,	347,839	350,923	123,426	126,513	52,875	34,722	1,360	2,471	1,040,129
Jan., 1955	350,186	353,220	123,354	127,478	53,060	34,791	1,350	2,519	1,045,958
Feb., ,,	350,688	353,996	122,685	128,252	52,639	35,050	1,355	2,524	1,047,189
Mar., ,,	350,879	354,517	122,164	128,523	52,522	35,099	1,362	2,491	1,047,557
COMMONWEALTH SAVINGS BANK.									
June—									
1939 ..	87,474	11,242	29,045	3,167	12,396	2,358	99	319	146,100
1951 ..	284,467	68,092	98,840	20,203	44,672	10,497	965	1,717	529,453
1952 ..	304,532	76,485	102,661	22,502	47,171	11,406	1,036	1,821	567,614
1953 ..	319,149	85,137	109,360	25,483	49,794	12,170	1,116	2,154	604,363
1954 ..	339,796	94,174	117,406	28,192	52,614	12,869	1,308	2,328	648,687
Mar., 1954	331,335	90,270	114,288	27,177	51,091	12,392	1,227	2,312	630,092
June, ,,	339,796	94,174	117,406	28,192	52,614	12,869	1,308	2,328	648,687
Sept., ,,	344,311	97,209	121,447	29,042	53,065	13,178	1,325	2,468	662,045
Dec., ,,	347,839	99,134	123,426	29,382	52,875	13,270	1,360	2,471	669,757
Jan., 1955	350,186	100,321	123,354	29,578	53,060	13,295	1,350	2,519	673,663
Feb., ,,	350,688	100,845	122,685	29,699	52,639	13,259	1,355	2,524	673,694
Mar., ,,	350,879	101,392	122,164	29,810	52,522	13,334	1,362	2,491	673,954

(a) Includes Commonwealth Savings Bank.

NOTE.—Sales of War Savings and Savings Certificates were discontinued after 31st January, 1949, except for sales to wind up savings groups, &c. The net amount outstanding at the end of March, 1955, was £27,469,025.

ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS—AVERAGE WEEKLY DEBITS TO CUSTOMERS' ACCOUNTS.

(Excluding Debits to Australian Government Accounts at Capital City Branches.)

(£'000.)

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australian Capital Territory.	Total.
1950–51	145,110	134,925	39,011	26,844	19,250	7,370	373	**372,883**
1951–52	156,602	142,358	41,516	30,792	21,810	8,872	471	**402,421**
1952–53	151,938	131,998	43,796	30,063	22,091	8,850	580	**389,316**
1953–54	171,709	154,885	51,032	32,802	25,339	9,938	775	**446,480**
Quarter ended—								
March, 1954 ..	168,453	162,570	46,701	33,324	26,162	9,882	753	**447,845**
June, ,, ..	182,395	171,397	54,252	35,477	26,265	11,048	834	**481,668**
September, ,, ..	177,533	162,532	53,251	33,885	25,321	10,049	684	**463,255**
December, ,, ..	190,536	178,111	55,567	36,473	26,520	10,387	786	**498,380**
March, 1955 ..	182,946	181,190	51,719	36,799	26,961	10,579	861	**491,055**
Month of—								
January, 1955 ..	173,836	165,919	52,019	34,298	27,572	9,141	932	**463,717**
February, ,, ..	188,272	189,080	53,238	37,149	26,206	10,178	775	**504,898**
March, ,, ..	185,973	187,094	50,262	38,520	27,077	12,051	874	**501,851**

BANK, ETC., INTEREST RATES, 31st MARCH, 1955.

Particulars.	Rate per Annum.	Date from which Operated.	Previous Rate per Annum.
	Per cent.		Per cent.
Commonwealth Bank of Australia—			
Rural Credits Department—Government Guaranteed Loans ..	3¾	1.8.52	3½
—Other	4	1.8.52	3½
Mortgage Bank Department Loans—			
5 to 20 years	4½	1.8.52	4
Over 20 years	4⅝	1.8.52	4⅛
Industrial Finance Department—Term Loans ..	4¾	1.8.52	4¼
Commonwealth Savings Bank—			
Loans to Local Government Authorities ..	4¾ to 4⅞	23.10.52	4 11/16 to 4¾
Crédit Foncier Housing Loans	4½	1.8.52	3⅞
Commonwealth Trading Bank of Australia(*a*)—			
Overdraft—General	4¾	1.8.52	4¼
Local Government Authorities ..	4½	1.8.52	4
Other Trading Banks—Overdraft (Maximum Rate)	5	1.8.52	4½
Life Assurance Companies—Loans on own policies	5 to 5½	1.4.54	5
Commonwealth Loans—Long Term	4½	25.11.52	3¾
Treasury Bills (Discount Rates)	1	1.8.52	¾
Fixed Deposits with Trading Banks—			
3 months	1¼	1.1.55	1
6 months	1½	1.1.55	1¼
12 months	1¾	1.1.55	1½
24 months	2	1.1.55	1¾(*b*)
Savings Banks—Deposits other than Fixed Deposits—			
Commonwealth Savings Bank—			
£1 to £500	2½	1.1.55	2¼
£501 to £1,500 (*c*)	1¼	1.8.52	1
State Savings Bank of Victoria—			
£1 to £500	2½	1.1.55	2¼
£501 to £1,500 (*c*)	1¼	1.8.52	1
Savings Bank of South Australia—			
£1 to £750	2½	1.1.55	(*d*)
£751 to £1,500 (*c*)	1½	1.1.55	(*d*)
Trustee Savings Banks, Hobart and Launceston—£1 to £450	2¾	1.1.55	2½

(*a*) Rates quoted prior to 3rd December, 1953, are for the General Banking Division of the Commonwealth Bank. (*b*) 1½ per cent. on amounts in excess of £10,000. (*c*) No interest is payable on amounts in excess of £1,500 except on deposits in Friendly and other Society accounts. The current rates for these accounts are—On amounts up to £2,000, 2½ per cent.; £2,001 and over, 1¼ per cent. (*d*) Prior to 1st January, 1955, interest rates payable by the Savings Bank of South Australia were as follows:—Deposits £1–£500, 2½ per cent.; £501–£1,500, 1½ per cent.

BANK, ETC., INTEREST RATES, AND SECURITY YIELDS.

(Per Cent.)

Period.	Trading Banks— Fixed Deposits. 3 Months.	6 Months.	12 Months.	24 Months.	Overdrafts. C'wealth. Trading Bank.(a)	Private Trading Banks.	C'wealth. Savings Bank Deposits (Maximum Rate of Interest).	Treasury Bills (Discount Rates).	C'wealth. Govt. Securities. Short-dated 2 Years. (b)	Long-dated 12 Years. (b)	Private First Mortgages Registered in New South Wales —Urban Securities. (c)
1938–39 ..	2.00	2.50	2.75	3.00	4.25	(d)	2.00	1.75	(e)3.67	(e)3.84	5.5
1949–50 ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	(f)1.50	(g)4.25	4.50	2.00	0.75	1.95	3.13	4.4
1950–51 ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	4.25	4.50	2.00	0.75	1.99	3.21	4.4
1951–52 ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	4.25	4.50	2.00	0.75	2.05	3.95	4.4
1952–53 ..	0.96	1.21	1.46	1.73	4.71	4.96	2.23	0.98	3.03	4.54	4.7
1953–54 ..	1.00	1.25	1.50	1.75	4.75	5.00	2.25	1.00	3.10	4.44	4.9
Month of—											
Mar., 1954	1.00	1.25	1.50	1.75	4.75	5.00	2.25	1.00	3.17	4.47	4.9
June, ,,	1.00	1.25	1.50	1.75	4.75	5.00	2.25	1.00	3.42	4.40	5.0
Sept , ,,	1.00	1.25	1.50	1.75	4.75	5.00	2.25	1.00	3.56	4.48	5.1
Dec., ,,	1.00	1.25	1.50	1.75	4.75	5.00	2.25	1.00	3.45	4.51	5.3
Jan., 1955	1.25	1.50	1.75	2.00	4.75	5.00	2.50	1.00	3.35	4.49	5.4
Feb., ,,	1.25	1.50	1.75	2.00	4.75	5.00	2.50	1.00	3.29	4.49	5 4
Mar., ,,	1.25	1.50	1.75	2.00	4.75	5.00	2.50	1.00	3.49	4.53	5.5

(a) Prior to 3rd December, 1953, General Banking Division of the Commonwealth Bank. (b) Rate for securities maturing in 2 and 12 years, estimated from rates on securities maturing in 0–5, and 10 or more years, respectively. Figures relate to last Wednesday in month. (c) Average rate on mortgages registered in three months ending with month shown. (d) Rates for Private Trading Banks not published, but predominant rates were 5.25 per cent. to 5.50 per cent. (e) Weighted averages for loans maturing in (i) under 5 years, and (ii) over 10 years, for last Wednesday in month. Calculated when loans above par or earliest date of maturity. (f) From December, 1945, to July, 1952, 1.50 per cent. on first £10,000 of deposit; 1.00 per cent. on amounts in excess, and from 1st August, 1952, 1.75 per cent. on first £10,000 deposit; 1.50 per cent. on amounts in excess. (g) Since July, 1940, rate for Municipal and Semi-Governmental Authorities, 0.25 per cent lower.

OVERSEA EXCHANGE RATES: AVERAGE TELEGRAPHIC TRANSFER SELLING RATES—SYDNEY ON OVERSEA COUNTRIES.

Country.	Basis of Quotation.	1938–39.	1951–52.	1952–53.	1953–54.	Mar., 1954.	Mar., 1955.
United Kingdom ..	£A. to £100 Eng. ..	125.50	125.50	125.50	125.50	125.50	125.50
South Africa	£A. to £100 S.A. ..	125.55	125.70	125.79	125.79	125.79	125.79
New Zealand	£A. to £100 N.Z. ..	100.59	124.54	124.54	124.54	124.54	124.54
Fiji	£A. to £100 F. ..	113.00	113.00	113.00	113.00	113.00	113.00
United States of America	Dollars to £A.1 ..	3.76	2.22	2.23	2.24	2.24	2.22
Canada	Dollars to £A.1 ..	3.78	2.27	2.16	2.19	2.17	2.19
Belgium	Francs to £A.1 ..	110.94	110.57	110.72	110.88	110.74	110.49
Denmark	Kroner to £A.1 ..	17.78	15.29	15.30	15.34	15.36	15.35
France	Francs to £A.1 ..	141.21	776.08	781.16	777.96	779.57	774.94
Holland	Florins to £A.1 ..	6.94	8.40	8.40	8.34	8.43	8.42
Philippines	Pesos to £A.1 ..	7.53	4.43	4.42	4.46	4.46	4.42
Norway	Kroner to £A.1 ..	15.80	15.82	15.82	15.83	15.83	15.84
Noumea	Francs to £A.1 ..	(a)	140.84	138.94	138.65	138.61	138.61
Sweden	Kronor to £A.1 ..	15.41	11.47	11.51	11.49	11.52	11.52
Switzerland	Francs to £A.1 ..	16.59	9.70	9.68	9.69	9.69	9.74
Hong Kong	Pence Aust. to 1 Dollar	18.88	18.79	18.83	18.83	18.80	18.84
India	Pence Aust. to 1 Rupee	22.60	22.77	22.77	22.76	22.17	22.73
Pakistan	Pence Aust. to 1 Rupee	(b)	32.69	32.69	32.69	32.69	32.69
Ceylon	Pence Aust. to 1 Rupee	(c)	22.81	22.81	22.81	22.81	22.81
Singapore	Pence Aust. to 1 Dollar	35.22	35.53	35.40	35.30	35.31	35.47

(a) Not available. (b) Pakistan created separate Dominion from 15th August, 1947. Previously part of India. (c) Ceylon created separate Dominion from 4th February, 1946. Quotations previously same as India.

LIFE ASSURANCE BUSINESS IN AUSTRALIA.

EXCLUDES BUSINESS OF THE GOVERNMENT INSURANCE OFFICE OF NEW SOUTH WALES AND THE QUEENSLAND STATE GOVERNMENT INSURANCE OFFICE.

New Policies Issued and Policies Matured and Otherwise Discontinued.(a)

Period	New Policies Issued.					Policies Matured and Otherwise Discontinued.(b)				
	Ordinary Department.		Industrial Department.		Total Sum Assured.	Ordinary Department.		Industrial Department.		Total Sum Assured.
	No.	Sum Assured.	No.	Sum Assured.		No.	Sum Assured.	No.	Sum Assured.	
		£'000.		£'000.	£'000.		£'000.		£'000.	£'000.
1939	135,511	46,635	385,498	18,542	65,177	76,917	24,094	262,096	12,132	36,226
1950–51	259,705	182,475	272,561	29,072	211,547	108,733	51,827	221,826	15,779	67,606
1951–52	283,280	221,572	278,594	33,804	255,376	110,274	59,272	229,652	16,641	75,913
1952–53	283,718	225,944	274,232	35,347	261,291	117,886	67,157	250,106	19,081	86,238
1953–54	284,544	254,129	239,692	32,575	286,704	143,925	81,319	262,723	20,597	101,916
Quarter ended—										
March, 1954 ..	51,567	43,095	49,300	6,694	49,789	32,311	18,831	64,563	5,478	24,309
June, ,, ..	72,194	66,106	62,518	8,629	74,735	36,071	21,545	62,979	4,959	26,504
September, ,, ..	83,310	81,445	69,555	10,052	91,497	39,698	23,640	68,421	5,174	28,814
December, ,, ..	76,874	80,502	53,131	8,020	88,522	38,240	22,812	74,276	6,096	28,908
March, 1955 ..	50,478	49,470	40,920	5,948	55,418	34,601	22,409	65,053	5,611	28,020
Month of—										
January, 1955 ..	11,188	10,383	4,967	720	11,103	10,517	6,457	16,199	1,392	7,849
February, ,, ..	16,358	15,828	17,464	2,541	18,369	11,422	7,256	26,600	2,420	9,676
March, ,, ..	22,932	23,259	18,489	2,687	25,946	12,662	8,696	22,254	1,799	10,495

(a) Excludes annuity policies. (b) Includes policies which became due for payment on account of death or maturity, policies surrendered and policies discontinued for other causes.

Premiums Received, Amounts Paid on Claims, Surrenders, &c., and New Loans Granted. (£'000.)

Period.	Premiums.(a)			Claims, &c., Paid.(b)			New Loans Granted.(c)
	Ordinary Department.	Industrial Department.	Total.	Ordinary Department.	Industrial Department.	Total.	
1939	13,732	6,490	20,222	10,024	3,632	13,656	(d)
1950–51 ..	38,517	12,523	51,040	15,715	5,896	21,611	46,714
1951–52 ..	43,817	13,224	57,041	17,287	6,558	23,845	47,555
1952–53 ..	50,237	13,761	63,998	18,911	7,426	26,337	36,136
1953–54 ..	56,162	14,076	70,238	21,158	8,058	29,216	34,463
Quarter ended—							
March, 1954	12,509	3,196	15,705	4,832	1,847	6,679	7,432
June, ,,	15,688	3,500	19,188	5,410	2,113	7,523	9,664
September, ,,	15,405	3,707	19,112	6,273	2,308	8,581	10,563
December, ,,	15,092	4,014	19,106	6,112	2,177	8,289	13,395
March, 1955	13,991	3,114	17,105	5,218	2,109	7,327	11,804
Month of—							
January, 1955	4,153	675	4,828	1,293	559	1,852	2,962
February, ,,	4,498	1,181	5,679	1,764	736	2,500	3,731
March, ,,	5,340	1,258	6,598	2,161	814	2,975	5,111

(a) Includes consideration for annuities. (b) Includes claims paid on maturity, amounts paid on surrender of policy, annuities and bonuses paid in cash. (c) Excludes advances of premiums. (d) Not available.

Section IX.—Transport and Communication.

OVERSEA SHIPPING—ENTRANCES AND CLEARANCES.

AUSTRALIA.

Year.	Entrances.				Clearances.			
	With Cargo.		With Cargo and in Ballast.		With Cargo.		With Cargo and in Ballast.	
	No.	'000 Net Tons.	No.	'000 Net Tons.	No.	'000 Net Tons.	No.	'000 Net Tons.
1938–39 ..	1,372	5,964	1,876	6,711	1,490	5,990	1,938	6,835
1949–50 ..	1,726	7,972	1,942	8,716	1,480	6,209	1,965	8,662
1950–51 ..	1,769	8,200	1,911	8,601	1,430	6,169	1,992	8,707
1951–52 ..	1,880	8,580	2,038	8,973	1,423	6,118	2,098	9,252
1952–53 ..	1,546	7,312	1,988	8,704	1,582	6,522	2,053	8,867
1953–54 ..	1,647	7,736	2,054	8,882	1,507	6,179	2,074	8,854
Nine months ended—								
March, 1954..	1,203	5,716	1,515	6,611	1,126	4,672	1,544	6,630
March, 1955..	1,424	6,585	1,654	7,184	1,106	4,644	1,669	7,395

OVERSEA AND INTERSTATE TONNAGE OF CARGO—Discharged and Shipped.

('000.)

NOTE.—Cargo recorded by measurement has been converted to tons measurement on the basis of 1 ton measurement = 40 cubic feet. The figures in the measurement columns are not equivalent to those in the weight columns but are additional.

State or Territory, and Year.	Discharged.				Shipped.			
	Interstate.		Oversea.		Interstate.		Oversea.	
	Tons Weight.	Tons Measurement.	Tons Weight.	Tons Measurement.	Tons Weight.	Tons Measurement.	Tons Weight.	Tons Measurement.
NINE MONTHS ENDED MARCH, 1954.								
New South Wales ..	2,934	295	1,857	838	2,811	324	1,248	279
Victoria	1,657	241	2,049	687	261	310	624	353
Queensland	248	249	602	161	309	88	1,040	98
South Australia ..	1,270	142	713	210	2,513	176	1,109	69
Western Australia ..	206	189	766	126	508	72	391	88
Tasmania	353	142	168	31	315	153	53	45
Northern Territory ..	23	..	35	..	3	..	1	..
Australia ..	6,691	1,258	6,190	2,053	6,720	1,123	4,466	932
NINE MONTHS ENDED MARCH, 1955.								
New South Wales ..	3,410	269	2,246	980	2,619	302	926	306
Victoria	1,612	269	2,911	968	631	316	962	371
Queensland	283	247	716	145	427	89	1,000	95
South Australia ..	1,311	137	748	266	2,860	147	1,040	83
Western Australia ..	367	176	1,020	156	577	68	614	65
Tasmania	462	154	158	33	372	188	63	18
Northern Territory ..	26	..	40	..	3	..	..	..
Australia ..	7,471	1,252	7,839	2,548	7,489	1,110	4,605	938
Total 1953–54 ..	9,059	1,790	8,520	2,812	9,105	1,539	5,765	1,355
,, 1952–53 ..	8,995	1,492	7,733	1,929	8,447	1,275	6,045	1,452
,, 1951–52 ..	7,972	1,638	9,727	4,682	7,697	1,325	4,487	1,231
,, 1950–51 ..	6,980	1,612	9,084	3,989	6,723	1,326	5,405	1,295
,, 1949–50 ..	6,447	1,520	7,686	3,576	6,419	1,207	5,061	1,388
,, 1948–49 ..	6,690	1,451	5,849	2,572	6,230	1,173	5,423	1,366
,, 1938–39 ..	7,074	2,003	4,208	2,191	7,221	1,731	5,138	1,093

OVERSEA SHIPPING FREIGHT RATES FROM AUSTRALIA TO THE UNITED KINGDOM AND CONTINENT AT 31st MARCH, 1955.

(These rates are expressed in sterling.)

(1 Ton Measurement = 40 Cubic Feet.)

FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN, EXCLUDING LIVE ANIMALS—	
Butter (Refrigerator)—	
United Kingdom	8s. 4d. per box (56 lb.).
Continent	8s. 9d. " " "
Cheese (Refrigerator)	1 3/32d. per lb.
Eggs (in shell)	247s. 6d. per ton measurement
Meats—	
Preserved by Cold Process (Refrigerator)—	
Beef	2 1/16d. per lb.
Lamb	2 1/16d. " "
Mutton	2 1/16d. " "
Rabbits and Hares	193s. 6d. per ton measurement.
Preserved in tins	255s. 6d. " " "
Sausage Casings—(dried)—cases or casks	212s. 6d. " " "
(Refrigerator) in brine in casks	255s. 6d. " " "
Milk and Cream (condensed)	166s. 6d. " " "
FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN—	
Sugar (Refined)	266s. per ton weight.
Jams	131s. 6d. per ton measurement.
Jellies	166s. 6d. " " "
Dried Fruits	131s. 6d. " " "
Fruits, Fresh (Refrigerator)—	
Apples	10s. 3d. per bushel case.
Citrus	10s. 3d. " " "
Grain and Pulse, unprepared—	
Wheat—	
Bulk	125s. per ton weight.
Bagged	125s. " " "
Barley	140s. " " "
Oats	162s. 6d. " " "
Maize	145s. " " "
Grain and Pulse, prepared—	
Flour, Wheaten	140s. " " "
Bran	160s. " " "
Pollard	152s. 6d. " " "
Rice (clean, husked)	145s. " " "
WINE	166s. 6d. per ton measurement
ANIMAL SUBSTANCES (MAINLY UNMANUFACTURED), NOT FOODSTUFFS—	
Hides and Skins—	
Calf	1 1/4d. per lb.
Sheep	1 31/32d. " "
Rabbit	4 1/32d. " "
Other	4 1/32d. " "
Pearl-shell	166s. 6d. per ton measurement
Wool—	
Greasy	2.76d. per lb. less 7%.
Scoured and Washed	3.48d. " " "
Tops	3.314d. per lb. (net).
VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES AND FIBRES—	
Compressed Fodder	166s. 6d. per ton weight.
Bark, Tanning	166s. 6d. " " "
Copra	271s. 6d. " " "
Raw Cotton (in bales)	2 3/8d. per lb.
APPAREL, TEXTILES AND MANUFACTURED FIBRES—	
Apparel and Attire (Effects)	260s. 6d. per ton measurement.
Binder Twine	293s. per ton weight.
OILS, FATS AND WAXES—	
Oils—	
Eucalyptus	166s. 6d. per ton measurement.
Other	166s. 6d. per ton weight.
Tallow, Unrefined	188s. " " "
PAINTS AND VARNISHES	166s. 6d. per ton measurement.

Oversea Shipping Freight Rates from Australia to the United Kingdom and Continent at 31st March, 1955—*continued.*

(1 Ton Measurement = 40 Cubic Feet.)

ORES AND METALS, UNMANUFACTURED OR PARTLY MANUFACTURED—	
Ore in Casks, Bags or Drums	110s. per ton weight.
Zinc—	
Ex Risdon	68s. 6d. „ „ „
Other than above	88s. 6d. „ „ „
Dust (in cases)	392s. 6d. „ „ „
Sheet (in cases)	172s. „ „ „
Copper (ingots)	161s. 6d. „ „ „
Lead	88s. 6d. „ „ „
Steel—	
Billets (up to 30 feet)	130s. „ „ „
Tyres	148s. „ „ „
Tin Clippings hydraulically pressed	83s. 6d. „ „ „
RUBBER AND LEATHER AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF, AND SUBSTITUTES THEREFOR—	
Rubber	150s. 6d. per ton measurement.
Leather	365s. 6d. per ton weight.
WOOD, RAW AND MANUFACTURED—	
Timber—	
Logs up to 40-ft. lengths	77s. 5d. per 100 super. feet.
„ over 40 and up to 50-ft. lengths	83s. 2d. „ „ „
„ over 50 and up to 60-ft. lengths	89s. 4d. „ „ „
Sawn, Undressed, up to 30-ft. lengths	45s. 7d. „ „ „
EARTHENWARE, CEMENT, CHINA AND GLASS	166s. 6d. per ton measurement.
STATIONERY	166s. 6d. „ „ „
DRUGS, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS—	
Fertilizers	166s. 6d. „ „ weight
MISCELLANEOUS—	
Soap	166s. 6d. „ „ measurement
Casein	263s. 6d. „ „ weight
SPECIE	15s. per cent

INTERSTATE, NEW ZEALAND AND ISLANDS SHIPPING FREIGHT RATES, GENERAL CARGO, 31st March, 1955.

(Per Ton Weight or Measurement : 1 Ton Meas. = 40 Cubic Feet.)

(These rates are expressed in Australian currency unless otherwise footnoted.)

To—	From— Brisbane. Direct.	Sydney. Direct.	Sydney. Trans-shipped at Wellington.	Melbourne. Direct.	Melbourne. Trans-shipped at Sydney.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Brisbane	..	133 0	..	152 6	..
Sydney	133 0	..	..	131 6	..
Melbourne	152 6	131 6	..	..	..
Adelaide	155 0	145 6	..	116 0	..
Fremantle	171 0(*a*)	163 6	..	155 6	..
Hobart	148 6(*b*)	127 6	..	114 0	..
Launceston, Devonport, Burnie	162 0(*b*)	127 6	..	100 0	..
Auckland(*c*)	142 0	135 0	218 1(*d*)	135 0	255 6
Wellington(*c*)	142 0(*d*)	135 0(*d*)	..	135 0(*d*)	255 6(*d*)
Lyttleton(*c*)	142 0	135 0	218 1(*d*)	135 0	255 6
Dunedin(*c*)	142 0	135 0	218 1(*d*)	135 0	255 6
New Hebrides—Vila	..	260 0	..	..	300 0
Norfolk Island	..	300 0	..	..	340 0
Papua—					
Port Moresby	..	205 0	..	..	230 0
Samarai	..	205 0	..	..	230 0
Territory of New Guinea—					
Lae and Madang	..	235 0	..	..	260 0
Rabaul	..	215 0	..	..	240 0

(*a*) Plus 16s. per ton if trans-shipped. (*b*) Trans-shipped at Sydney. (*c*) Rates expressed in sterling. (*d*) Includes Wellington Harbour Improvement Charges.

NOTE.—More detailed statistics of Government Railways for the years 1944–45 to 1953–54 appear in *Transport and Communication Bulletin* No. 45, pages 5–20.

GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS.

System.	1938–39.	1949–50.	1950–51.	1951–52.	1952–53.	1953–54.
ROUTE-MILEAGE OPEN AT END OF YEAR.						
Commonwealth ..	2,201	2,201	2,201	2,201	2,201	2,201
New South Wales ..	6,114	6,113	6,113	6,113	6,113	6,101
Victoria	4,759	4,687	4,686	4,694	4,660	4,482
Queensland(*a*) ..	6,567	6,560	6,560	6,560	6,560	6,560
South Australia ..	2,557	2,553	2,553	2,553	2,553	2,564
Western Australia ..	4,378	4,252	4,228	4,113	4,108	4,111
Tasmania	658	613	613	613	613	614
Australia ..	27,234	26,979	26,954	26,847	26,808	26,633
TRAFFIC TRAIN-MILES RUN.(*b*) ('000 miles.)						
Commonwealth ..	902	1,670	1,841	1,889	1,738	1,953
New South Wales ..	30,106	(*c*) 41,369	(*c*)38,112	(*c*) 40,012	36,289	37,506
Victoria	17,890	17,550	14,575	16,973	17,690	18,303
Queensland(*a*) ..	13,927	(*d*)17,674	(*d*)18,562	(*d*)18,652	(*d*)18,564	19,241
South Australia ..	6,177	6,356	6,379	6,943	7,199	7,359
Western Australia ..	6,575	6,733	7,136	6,802	5,255	7,204
Tasmania	1,906	2,080	2,071	2,092	1,990	1,898
Australia ..	77,483	93,432	88,676	93,363	88,725	93,464
PASSENGER-JOURNEYS. ('000.)						
Commonwealth ..	117	194	186	191	190	224
New South Wales ..	186,720	258,183	268,567	268,168	271,699	278,904
Victoria	142,124	182,101	141,313	165,131	162,857	166,106
Queensland(*a*) ..	24,639	32,366	34,145	35,029	35,819	35,879
South Australia ..	17,529	17,385	17,177	18,269	17,565	17,605
Western Australia ..	11,415	11,188	11,543	10,536	6,339	8,678
Tasmania	2,297	3,231	3,182	3,186	3,151	3,285
Australia ..	384,841	504,648	476,113	500,510	497,620	510,681
GOODS AND LIVESTOCK CARRIED. ('000 tons.)						
Commonwealth ..	186	549	591	694	660	762
New South Wales (*d*)	15,417	16,997	18,324	19,817	19,121	20,140
Victoria	5,976	9,125	7,539	9,204	9,192	9,200
Queensland(*a*) ..	5,234	6,943	7,182	6,823	7,351	8,081
South Australia ..	2,640	3,692	3,794	4,351	4,543	4,891
Western Australia ..	2,859	2,843	3,033	3,063	2,619	3,206
Tasmania	844	770	861	889	897	968
Australia ..	33,156	40,919	41,324	44,841	44,383	47,248

(*a*) Includes details for South Brisbane–Border section of Uniform Gauge line. (*b*) Excludes "Assistant" and "Light" locomotive mileages. (*c*) Estimated. (*d*) Partly estimated.

Government Railways—*continued.*

System.	1938–39.	1949–50.	1950–51.	1951–52.	1952–53.	1953–54.
GROSS REVENUE.(a) (£'000.)						
Commonwealth ..	547	1,875	2,153	2,925	2,710	3,402
New South Wales ..	19,146	40,122	49,448	68,910	72,676	74,569
Victoria	9,274	20,355	18,651	24,186	31,864	35,707
Queensland(b) ..	7,798	15,988	19,772	23,358	25,985	30,223
South Australia ..	3,119	6,512	7,315	9,457	11,891	12,718
Western Australia ..	3,599	6,292	6,969	8,885	7,667	11,111
Tasmania	487	1,049	1,336	1,797	2,039	2,133
Australia ..	43,970	92,193	105,644	139,518	154,832	169,863
WORKING EXPENSES. (£'000.)						
Commonwealth ..	642	1,979	2,434	2,808	2,728	2,897
New South Wales ..	14,543	39,280	49,168	64,020	66,452	68,197
Victoria	8,060	19,984	20,810	29,612	34,008	35,951
Queensland(b) ..	6,193	15,857	19,427	24,646	27,979	29,103
South Australia ..	2,931	8,440	9,992	13,505	15,013	14,934
Western Australia ..	2,911	7,387	8,932	11,016	12,510	14,298
Tasmania	678	1,728	2,009	2,567	2,864	2,804
Australia ..	35,958	94,655	112,772	148,174	161,554	168,184
NET REVENUE. (£'000.)						
Commonwealth ..	— 95	— 104	— 281	117	— 18	505
New South Wales ..	4,603	842	280	4,890	6,224	6,372
Victoria	1,214	371	— 2,159	— 5,426	— 2,144	— 244
Queensland(b) ..	1,605	131	345	— 1,288	— 1,994	1,120
South Australia ..	188	— 1,928	— 2,677	— 4,048	— 3,122	—2,216
Western Australia ..	688	— 1,095	— 1,963	— 2,131	— 4,843	—3,187
Tasmania	— 191	— 679	— 673	— 770	— 825	— 671
Australia ..	8,012	— 2,462	— 7,128	— 8,656	— 6,722	1,679
RATIO OF WORKING EXPENSES TO GROSS REVENUE. (PER CENT.)						
Commonwealth ..	117.43	105.53	113.04	95.99	100.66	85.14
New South Wales ..	75.96	97.90	99.43	92.90	91.44	91.45
Victoria	86.91	98.18	111.58	122.43	106.73	100.68
Queensland(b) ..	79.42	99.18	98.26	105.51	103.67	96.30
South Australia ..	93.97	129.61	136.60	142.81	126.26	117.42
Western Australia ..	80.90	117.40	128.17	123.98	163.18	128.68
Tasmania	139.18	164.73	150.35	142.81	140.44	131.48
Australia ..	81.78	102.67	106.74	106.20	104.34	99.01

(a) Excludes Government Grants. (b) Includes details for South Brisbane-Border section of Uniform Gauge line.

NOTE.—Minus sign (—) denotes loss.

Government Railways—*continued.*

(The table on this page is prepared from quarterly statements supplied by each Government Railway, and figures therein are not completely comparable with those shown in preceding pages which are derived, in the main, from the Annual Reports of the Government Railways.)

Particulars.	C'wealth.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land. (*a*)	S.A.(*b*)	W.A. (*b*)	Tas.	Total.
SIX MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER, 1953.								
Route Miles open ..	2,201	6,113	4,660	6,491	2,553	4,108	613	26,739
Train-miles run '000	1,029	19,184	9,101	10,064	3,700	3,577	941	47,596
Revenue £'000								
Coaching (Passengers, Parcels, Mails, &c.)	423	10,187	5,379	2,602	923	625	101	20,240
Goods, including Livestock and Minerals	1,205	26,887	10,845	13,056	4,989	4,367	925	62,274
Miscellaneous ..	131	(*c*) 437	994	(*d*)	431	269	35	(*e*) 2,297
Total Revenue ..	1,759	(*f*) 37,511	17,218	15,658	6,343	5,261	1,061	84,811
Working Expenses £'000	1,498	32,309	17,429	14,593	7,294	68,55	(*g*) 1,322	81,300
Net Revenue .. £'000	261	5,202	— 211	1,065	— 951	— 1,594	— 261	3,511
Ratio of Working Expenses to Revenue %	85.13	86.13	101.23	93.20	114.99	130.29	124.63	95.86
Revenue per Train-mile	34s. 2d.	39s. 1d.	37s. 10d.	31s. 1d.	34s. 3d.	29s. 5d.	21s. 6d.	35s. 8d.
Working Expenses per Train-mile	29s. 1d.	33s. 8d.	38s. 4d.	29s. 0d.	39s. 5d.	38s. 4d.	28s. 1d.	34s. 2d.
Passenger-journeys '000	106	138,803	81,859	17,619	8,711	4,117	1,627	252,842
Freight Carried, tons— '000								
Livestock ..	73	(*h*) 394	299	378	129	74	8	1,355
Coal and Coke ..	258			824	563	270	125	
Other Minerals ..	4	9,903	3,946	316	388	139		22,789
Other Goods ..	71			3,261	1,309	1,067	345	
Total Freight ..	406	10,297	4,245	4,779	2,389	1,550	478	24,144
SIX MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER, 1954.								
Route Miles open ..	2,201	6,101	4,482	6,491	2,564	4,111	613	26,563
Train-miles run '000	1,028	19,259	9,474	10,292	3,686	3,846	1,011	48,596
Revenue £'000—								
Coaching (Passengers, Parcels, Mails, &c.)	426	10,311	5,534	2,697	912	663	102	20,645
Goods, including Livestock and Minerals	1,394	28,528	12,683	14,143	5,368	5,136	1,009	68,261
Miscellaneous ..	152	(*c*) 433	1,020	(*d*)	445	399	36	(*e*) 2,485
Total Revenue ..	1,972	(*f*) 39,272	19,237	16,840	6,725	6,198	1,147	91,391
Working Expenses £'000	1,474	33,632	18,344	15,356	7,508	68,43	(*g*) 1,366	84,523
Net Revenue .. £'000	498	5,640	893	1,484	— 783	— 645	— 219	6,868
Ratio of Working Expenses to Revenue %	74.75	85.64	95.36	91.19	111.65	110.39	119.03	92.48
Revenue per Train-mile	38s. 4d.	40s. 9d.	40s. 7d.	32s. 9d.	36s. 6d.	32s. 3d.	22s. 8d.	37s. 7d.
Working Expenses per Train-mile	27s. 10d.	34s. 11d.	38s. 9d.	29s. 10d.	40s. 9d.	35s. 7d.	27s. 0d.	34s. 9d.
Passenger-journeys '000	107	139,671	85,368	17,749	8,389	4,665	1,609	257,558
Freight Carried, tons— '000								
Livestock ..	32	(*h*) 370	338	439	124	74	10	1,387
Coal and Coke ..	279			907	505	334	145	
Other Minerals ..	8	9,982	4,634	354	460	95		24,093
Other Goods ..	120			3,371	1,406	1,124	369	
Total Freight ..	439	10,352	4,972	5,071	2,495	1,627	524	25,480

(*a*) Excludes South Brisbane–Border section of the Uniform Gauge Line. (*b*) Includes road motors. (*c*) From sale of electrical energy only. Other miscellaneous included with Coaching and Goods. (*d*) Included with Coaching. (*e*) Incomplete. *See* notes for individual Systems. (*f*) Excludes Government contributions towards losses on non-paying developmental lines. (*g*) Excludes depreciation. (*h*) Estimated.

NOTE.—Minus sign (—) denotes loss.

NOTE.—More detailed statistics of Electric Tramways and Motor Omnibus Services for the years 1944–45 to 1953–54 appear in *Transport and Communication Bulletin*, No. 45, pages 21–27.

ELECTRIC TRAMWAYS.

(Including details of Trolley Bus Services with the exception of those in Queensland.)

State and Year.	Route-mileage Open at 30th June.	Car-miles Run.	Passenger-journeys.	Gross Revenue. (*a*)	Working Expenses. (*b*)	Net Revenue.
	Miles.	'000.	'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
1953–54.						
New South Wales	126	16,542	203,508	5,056	6,883	—1,827
Victoria	175	24,130	222,541	5,441	5,588	— 147
Queensland ..	67	9,879	104,790	2,293	2,236	57
South Australia ..	92	7,916	56,966	1,776	2,237	— 461
Western Australia	30	2,307	18,743	509	610	— 101
Tasmania (*c*) ..	(*d*) 30	2,988	23,009	705	627	78
Total 1953–54 ..	520	63,762	629,557	15,780	18,181	— 2,401
Total—1952–53(*c*)	544	65,895	647,417	15,968	18,420	— 2,452
1951–52(*c*)	560	67,923	685,724	15,121	17,109	— 1,988
1950–51(*e*)	567	71,746	749,138	13,610	14,553	— 943
1949–50(*e*)	555	72,708	754,483	11,785	12,477	— 692
1938–39 ..	606	81,361	695,476	7,649	6,089	1,560

(*a*) Excludes Government Grants. (*b*) Includes depreciation. (*c*) Includes particulars of Hobart and Launceston Omnibus services. (*d*) Excludes 15 miles of Hobart Omnibus services. (*e*) Includes particulars of Hobart Municipal Council Omnibus Services.

NOTE.—Minus sign (—) denotes loss.

GOVERNMENT AND MUNICIPAL MOTOR OMNIBUS SERVICES.

(Excluding details of Trolley Bus Services with the exception of those in Queensland.)

State or Territory and Year.	Route-mileage at 30th June.	Omnibus-mileage.	Passenger-journeys.	Gross Revenue.(*a*)	Working Expenses.(*b*)
	Miles.	'000.	'000.	£'000.	£'000.
1953–54.					
New South Wales ..	463	31,829	212,200	4,612	7,216
Victoria	64	7,892	59,111	1,477	1,462
Queensland	409	5,954	33,934	849	899
South Australia ..	38	2,251	10,006	296	442
Western Australia ..	3,036	7,370	26,474	1,278	974
Tasmania (*c*)	535	1,156	1,785	207	194
Aust. Cap. Terr. ..	46	866	(*d*)	134	200
Total 1953–54 ..	4,591	57,318	(*e*) 343,510	8,853	11,387
Total—1952–53(*c*) ..	4,533	55,672	(*e*) 336,462	9,320	11,465
1951–52(*c*) ..	4,458	54,124	333,200	8,542	10,298
1950–51(*f*) ..	3,994	53,548	340,314	7,572	8,234
1949–50(*f*) ..	3,208	53,817	325,079	6,307	6,743

(*a*) Excludes Government Grants. (*b*) Includes depreciation. (*c*) Excludes particulars of Hobart and Launceston Omnibus Services, details of which are included with Electric Tramways. (*d*) Not available. (*e*) Excludes details for Australian Capital Territory. (*f*) Excludes particulars of Hobart Municipal Council Omnibus Services.

NOTE:—Further details of Motor Vehicle Registrations &c. appear in *Transport and Communication Bulletin* No. 45 and the Monthly and Annual Bulletin of Registrations of New Motor Vehicles.

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS, LICENCES AND GROSS REVENUE.

State or Territory and Year.	Registrations at 30th June. (Number.)				Drivers' and Riders' Licences in Force at 30th June.	Gross Revenue.			
	Motor Cars.	Commercial Vehicles, &c.	Motor Cycles.	Total.		Vehicles' Registration and Motor Tax.	Drivers' and Riders', &c., Licences.	Miscellaneous.	Total.
						£	£	£	£
				1953–54.					
New South Wales	398,397	213,709	42,451	654,557	914,239	8,076,814	713,768	2,054,640	10,845,222
Victoria ..	397,658	130,707	30,881	559,246	708,307	4,658,244	354,181	1,008,737	6,021,162
Queensland ..	145,933	115,907	22,367	284,207	(*a*)	3,801,126	118,620	919,787	4,839,533
South Australia	133,281	62,038	23,093	218,412	260,938	2,151,302	301,444	51,477	2,504,223
Western Australia	78,312	60,381	15,243	153,936	168,420	1,124,320	101,179	145,095	1,370,594
Tasmania ..	39,974	19,739	5,649	65,362	78,244	575,036	35,220	145,913	756,169
Northern Territory ..	1,164	2,228	431	3,823	6,862	21,245	4,724	45	26,014
Australian Capital Territory ..	5,114	2,190	499	7,803	11,109	42,092	5,819	665	48,576
Total 1953–54	1199833	606,899	140,614	1,947,346	*b*2148119	20,450,179	1,634,955	4,326,359	26,411,493
1952–53(*c*)	1107659	579,444	147,639	1,834,742	2,288,370	18,779,761	1,403,019	3,708,435	23,891,215
1951–52(*c*)	1030992	580,502	153,933	1 765,427	2,194,167	15,995,554	1,336,530	3,607,266	20,939,350
1950–51(*c*)	882,455	548,373	145,132	1,575,960	1,985,821	12,333,075	1,141,318	2,403.767	15,878,160
1949–50(*c*)	766,863	492,964	133,483	1,393,310	1,845,265	9,596,034	862,509	1.811,989	12,270,532
1938–39..	562,271	258,025	79,237	899,533	1,238,497	6,318,435	508,387	257,652	7,084,474

(*a*) Not available. (*b*) Excludes Queensland. (*c*) Registrations exclude Northern Territory.

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

(Number.)

Vehicles and Date.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Total.
				AT 31ST MARCH, 1955.					
Motor Cars	430,564	436,925	158,728	141,458	87,315	43,803	1,492	5,722	1,306,007
Commercial Vehicles, &c.	224,451	139,189	121,201	65,211	62,701	21,340	2,683	2,311	639,087
Motor Cycles	40,783	29,494	21,773	22,260	14,600	5,430	552	498	135,390
Total	695,798	605,608	301,702	228,929	164,616	70,573	4,727	8,531	2,080,484
At 30th June, 1954 ..	654,557	559,246	284,207	218,412	153,936	65,362	3,823	7,803	1,947,346
,, ,, ,, 1953 ..	613,554	539,828	266,221	205,702	141,945	60,545	(*a*)	6,947	*b*1,834,742
,, ,, ,, 1952 ..	590,532	533,226	255,025	192,313	132,967	55,104	(*a*)	6,260	*b*1,765,427
,, ,, ,, 1951 ..	544,345	444,400	240,784	173,043	118,692	49,173	(*a*)	5,523	*b*1,575,960
,, ,, ,, 1939 ..	319,015	261,855	128,163	90,756	69,679	26,360	1,426	2,279	899,533

(*a*) Not available. (*b*) Excludes N.T.

REGISTRATIONS OF NEW MOTOR VEHICLES.

(Number.)

Vehicles and Period.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Total.
				NINE MONTHS ENDED 31ST MARCH. 1955.					
Motor Cars	40,239	37,010	15,164	13,354	9,463	4,102	150	730	120,212
Commercial Vehicles, &c.	18,369	11,125	8,919	5,030	4.631	1,784	213	203	50,274
Motor Cycles	2,529	1,799	1,186	1,707	933	313	36	50	8,553
Total	61,137	49,934	25,269	20,091	15,027	6,199	399	983	179,039
Total 1953–54 ..	67,987	50,904	28,455	21,162	16,864	7,133	420	932	193,857
1952–53 ..	53,099	43,132	23,372	17,470	13,283	5,566	(*a*)386	688	156,996
1951–52 ..	73,466	70,256	27,270	24,466	17,382	7,278	(*b*)	817	*c*220,935
1950–51 ..	85,065	61,566	34,456	25,422	17,740	7,466	(*b*)	1,040	*c*232,755
1938–39 ..	30,534	24,270	14,024	8,143	6,046	3,060	(*b*)	327	(*c*)86,404

(*a*) Excludes motor cycles. (*b*) Not available. (*c*) Excludes N.T.

NOTE.—In each of the tables above taxis and hire cars are included with motor cars. Commonwe. lth owned vehicles are included except those of Departments of the Army and Air.

Prior to 12th November, 1951, primary producers' vehicles registered in Victoria included private cars and commercial vehicles, and were included in commercial vehicle registrations. Since that date only vehicles constructed for the carriage of goods and used by primary producers solely in connexion with their business are so registered.

NOTE.—More detailed statistics of Civil Aviation for the years 1944–45 to 1953–54 appear in *Transport and Communication Bulletin* No. 45, page 29.

CIVIL AVIATION.

Australian Registrations, Licences, Aerodromes, Etc.

Particulars.	At 30th June.				At 31st December.	
	1939.	1952.	1953.	1954.	1953.	1954.
Registered Aircraft Owners ..	160	343	369	384	375	398
Registered Aircraft ..	344	786	821	845	823	852
Pilots' Licences—						
Private	1,123	1,444	1,677	2,035	1,832	2,172
Commercial	376	470	518	552	528	569
Airline Transport ..	..	948	911	917	895	942
Flight Navigators' Licences ..	(*a*) 65	155	163	166	167	168
Radio Operators' Licences ..	(*b*) 75	1,222	1,256	1,310	1,256	1,346
Flight Engineers' Licences ..	..	53	58	67	59	83
Ground Engineers' Licences ..	565	1,720	1,790	1,757	1,810	1,746
Aerodromes—						
Government	71	189	186	198	187	183
Public	213	269	260	262	267	302
Flying Boat Bases and Alighting Areas ..	11	11	15	16	17	16

Australian Airline Operations, Etc.

Particulars.	1938–39.	1951–52.	1952–53.	1953–54.	Six Months Ended 31st December—	
					1953.	1954.
REGULAR INTERNAL SERVICES.						
Hours flown .. No.	60,733	260,947	237,640	251,019	123,540	131,783
Miles flown .. '000.	7,930	41,831	39,059	41,014	20,003	21,791
Paying passengers .. '000.	94	1,829	1,706	1,772	841	910
Paying passenger-miles '000.	35,569	721,573	667,321	702,139	333,401	366,222
Freight—						
Tons (*c*)..	712	57,464	57,635	69,479	34,767	40,027
Ton-miles (*c*) .. '000.	(*d*)	26,684	27,167	32,650	16,318	19,291
Mail—						
Tons (*c*)..	(*e*) 82	2,682	2,311	2,316	1,206	1,255
Ton-miles (*c*) .. '000.	(*d*)	1,285	1,166	1,225	643	678
OVERSEA SERVICES.(*f*)						
Unduplicated route miles (*g*) No.	5,989	43,455	66,558	64,250	65,719	59,969
Hours flown .. ,,	12,677	50,336	54,148	53,580	27,072	25,201
Miles flown .. '000.	1,735	10,664	11,565	11,464	5,808	5,598
Paying passengers .. No.	5,337	95,134	97,753	102,965	50,472	54,190
Paying passenger-miles '000.	7,332	265,756	275,206	290,603	145,154	152,066
Freight—						
Tons (*c*)..	66	2,138	1,957	2,295	1,150	1,334
Ton-miles (*c*) .. '000.	(*d*)	6,716	7,401	8,331	4,229	4,668
Mail—						
Tons (*c*)..	(*e*) 277	1,141	1,168	1,379	699	783
Ton-miles (*c*) .. '000.	(*d*)	6,162	6,122	7,718	3,779	4,259
AUSTRALIAN AIRCRAFT(*h*) ACCIDENTS INVOLVING CASUALTIES.						
Number	(*d*)	25	16	26	17	12
Persons Killed	38	37	5	36	28	14
Persons Injured	15	22	19	27	21	11

(*a*) Navigators' licences. (*b*) Aircraft Radio Telegraph Operators only. (*c*) In terms of short tons (2,000 lb.). (*d*) Not available. (*e*) Net weight. (*f*) Airlines wholly-owned or partly-owned by Australian interests. (*g*) At 30th June. (*h*) Aircraft on Australian Register and gliders, irrespective of location of accident.

NOTE.—More detailed statistics of Posts, Telegraphs and Telephones for the years 1944–45 to 1953–54 appear in *Transport and Communication Bulletin* No. 45, on pages 50–71. Further details of Road Traffic Accidents are included in pages 32–37.

TELEPHONES—LINES AND INSTRUMENTS CONNECTED.

(Number.)

Particulars.	At 30th June—				At 31st March, 1955.
	1939.	1952.	1953.	1954.	
Lines connected	487,535	927,273	985,383	1,049,626	1,107,230
Instruments connected ..	661,996	1,300,790	1,383,702	1,475,513	1,558,046

BROADCASTING—LISTENERS' LICENCES.

(Number.)

In force at—	N.S.W. (*a*)	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust. (*b*)	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	Australia.
30th June, 1939 ..	433,029	327,579	133,217	117,307	79,262	39,392	1,129,786
,, ,, 1950(*c*)	748,268	557,556	274,279	227,911	149,328	72,286	2,029,628
,, ,, 1951(*c*)	753,758	586,393	288,019	244,311	159,436	77,743	2,109,660
,, ,, 1952 ..	741,355	520,364	279,852	208,691	141,950	68,832	1,961,044
,, ,, 1953 ..	742,002	533,329	282,338	212,104	145,141	70,741	1,985,655
,, ,, 1954 ..	769,478	545,148	287,683	220,065	148,192	71,047	2,041,613
31st March, 1955 ..	753,363	542,409	291,623	221,804	149,790	72,121	2,031,110

(*a*) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (*b*) Includes Northern Territory. (*c*) Includes separate licences in respect of more than one receiver owned by one person.

ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS.(*a*)

(Reported to the Police.)

State or Territory, and Period.	Total Accidents Reported.	Accidents involving Casualties.	Persons Killed.			Persons Injured.		
			Number.	Per Million of Population.	Per 100,000 Motor Vehicles.	Number.	Per Million of Population.	Per 100,000 Motor Vehicles.
	SIX MONTHS ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1954.							
New South Wales ..	17,414	6,386	382	111	57	8,082	2,350	1,207
Victoria	7,409	4,936	244	99	42	6,087	2,466	1,042
Queensland	10,393	3,287	145	110	50	4,272	3,233	1,468
South Australia ..	6,300	1,601	83	104	37	2,067	2,583	930
Western Australia ..	5,494	1,644	99	154	64	2,158	3,348	1,387
Tasmania	1,539	458	35	113	52	583	1,887	868
Australian Capital Territory	122	59	4	129	50	76	2,460	949
Total	48,671	18,371	992	110	50	23,325	2,588	1,168
Year 1953–54(*b*) ..	87,224	35,523	1,976	222	105	44,629	5,013	2,377
,, 1952–53(*b*) ..	75,295	31,635	1,856	213	101	39,405	4,513	2,147
,, 1951–52(*b*) ..	68,110	31,144	2,054	241	116	38,376	4,502	2,174
,, 1950–51(*b*) ..	57,261	28,760	1,926	232	122	35,095	4,230	2,227

(*a*) Refers to those accidents (known to the police) which occurred in public thoroughfares and which resulted in death or in bodily injury to any person to an extent requiring medical or surgical treatment, or in damage in excess of £10 to property. It should be noted, however, that the comparability of the statistics between States, even on this basis, still depends on the degree to which accidents so defined are in fact recorded by the police. Under legislation passed in Tasmania on 10th August, 1954, it is no longer obligatory to report accidents involving only damage to property. (*b*) Excludes Northern Territory.

Section X.—Employment, Unemployment and Wages.

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT—AUSTRALIA.(a) ('000.)

Month.	Total Employment. (Excluding Rural, Household Domestic and Defence Forces.)			Total Employment in Main Industrial Groups.						
	Governmental Authorities. (b)	Private Employers.	Total.	Mining and Quarrying.	Factories. (c)	Building and Construction.	Transport and Communication.	Retail Trade.	Other Commerce and Finance.	Professional and Personal Services. (d)
MALES.										
1939—July	349.8	943.3	1,293.1	52.2	391.5	149.7	185.9	259.7		133.6
1952—June	578.4	1,329.7	1,908.1	58.8	661.6	214.0	299.9	124.8	191.2	173.2
1953—June	567.8	1,319.0	1,886.8	58.0	666.3	193.2	295.1	125.0	191.0	174.1
1954—June	581.4	1,367.0	1,948.4	58.7	696.1	205.7	300.1	128.4	198.3	176.6
1953—Oct.	567.4	1,330.4	1,897.8	58.3	675.3	190.6	296.4	125.5	193.4	174.6
Nov.	568.7	1,337.9	1,906.6	58.5	679.4	191.4	296.5	127.8	194.2	175.2
Dec.	569.9	1,340.9	1,910.8	58.4	678.1	191.8	296.4	131.7	194.7	175.8
1954—Jan.	568.1	1,344.2	1,912.3	58.1	680.7	191.7	297.6	128.4	196.2	176.2
Feb.	571.6	1,348.8	1,920.4	58.3	685.2	194.1	298.3	127.1	197.2	176.4
Mar.	575.1	1,356.2	1,931.3	58.5	688.3	198.9	299.3	127.3	198.3	177.0
Oct.	581.1	1,374.1	1,955.2	57.6	700.6	203.8	300.4	128.2	202.5	177.4
Nov.	583.6	1,381.2	1,964.8	57.7	703.5	203.4	301.5	131.7	203.7	178.1
Dec.	584.7	1,384.3	1,969.0	57.6	702.4	201.0	302.7	134.9	205.0	179.6
1955—Jan.	585 8	1,382.3	1,968.1	57.4	703.9	201.8	303.3	130.1	206.6	178.6
Feb.	589.2	1,388.2	1,977.4	57.5	707.1	203.6	304.4	129.6	207.2	180.7
Mar.	592.4	1,393.9	1,986.3	57.6	709.7	206.2	306.2	129.6	207.7	182.0
FEMALES.										
1939—July	55.2	381.9	437.1	0.3	148.2	1.2	12.6	114.9		129.0
1952—June	115.3	564.1	679.4	0.9	199.2	4.2	39.5	112.6	72.9	215.0
1953—June	112.0	561.7	673.7	0.9	202.9	4.3	36.2	109.9	71.5	213.5
1954—June	114.5	593.0	707.5	1.0	219.8	4.7	36.5	115.3	77.0	218.7
1953—Oct.	111.8	574.5	686.3	0.9	211.1	4.5	36.0	111.5	72.7	215.3
Nov.	111.9	582.7	694.6	0.9	213.2	4.5	36.0	116.7	73.2	215.6
Dec.	111.3	590.0	701.3	0.9	213.9	4.5	35.8	122.4	73.5	215.9
1954—Jan.	110.7	587.0	697.7	0.9	215.8	4.5	36.0	116.8	74.6	214.8
Feb.	113.0	588.3	701.3	1.0	218.5	4.6	36.1	113.5	76.0	217.1
Mar.	114.2	593.7	707.9	0.9	222.4	4.7	36.3	113.7	76.9	218.4
Oct.	116.5	602.2	718.7	1.0	223.4	4.6	37.5	117.7	78.6	221.1
Nov.	117.0	610.5	727.5	1.0	224.6	4.7	37.7	123.8	79.2	221.6
Dec.	116.3	615.6	731.9	1.0	224.4	4.7	37.1	128.3	79.1	222.3
1955—Jan.	116.2	608.0	724.2	1.0	223.4	4.8	37.6	120.3	80.5	221.5
Feb.	119.3	613.5	732.8	1.0	226.8	4.8	38.0	119.5	82.3	224.8
Mar.	121.3	616.2	737.5	1.1	228.0	4.8	38.1	119.6	83.0	227.3
PERSONS.										
1939—July	405.0	1,325.2	1,730.2	52.5	539.7	150.9	198.5	374.6		262.6
1952—June	693.7	1,893.8	2,587.5	59.7	860.8	218.2	339.4	237.4	264.1	388.2
1953—June	679.8	1,880.7	2,560.5	58.9	869.2	197.5	331.3	234.9	262.5	387.6
1954—June	695.9	1,960.0	2,655.9	59.7	915.9	210.4	336.6	243.7	275.3	395.3
1953—Oct.	679.2	1,904.9	2,584.1	59.2	886.4	195.1	332.4	237.0	266.1	389.9
Nov.	680.6	1,920.6	2,601.2	59.4	892.6	195.9	332.5	244.5	267.4	390.8
Dec.	681.2	1,930.9	2,612.1	59.3	892.0	196.3	332.2	254.1	268.2	391.7
1954—Jan.	678.8	1,931.2	2,610.0	59.0	896.5	196.2	333.6	245.2	270.8	391.0
Feb.	684.6	1,937.1	2,621.7	59.3	903.7	198.7	334.4	240.6	273.2	393.5
Mar.	689.3	1,949.9	2,639.2	59.4	910.7	203.6	335.6	241.0	275.2	395.4
Oct.	697.6	1,976.3	2,673.9	58.6	924.0	208.4	337.9	245.9	281.1	398.5
Nov.	700.6	1,991.7	2,692.3	58.7	928.1	208.1	339.2	255.5	282.9	399.7
Dec.	701.0	1,999.9	2,700.9	58.6	926.8	205.7	339.8	263.2	284.1	401.9
1955—Jan.	702.0	1,990.3	2,692.3	58.4	927.3	206.6	340.9	250.4	287.1	400.1
Feb.	708.5	2,001.7	2,710.2	58.5	933.9	208.4	342.4	249.1	289.5	405.5
Mar.	713.7	2,010.1	2,723.8	58.7	937.7	211.0	344.3	249.2	290.7	409.3

(a) Employees in the Defence Forces at home or abroad and National Service Trainees in camp are excluded. From July, 1941, estimated total employment is based on Pay-roll Tax returns and records of Government employment. All figures for months subsequent to May, 1945 (Factories, June, 1948), subject to revision. (b) Includes all employees of Governmental Authorities (Commonwealth, State, Local and Semi-Governmental) on services such as railways, tramways, banks, post-offices, air transport, education, broadcasting, police, public works, factories and munitions establishments, migrant hostels, &c., as well as administrative employees within Australia. (c) From July, 1948, monthly figures are estimates subject to revision. (d) Includes Education, Health, Hotels and Restaurants Professional and Personal Services (except female private domestic).

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT—STATES.(a)

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Month.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia.
MALES.									
1939—July	529.9	357.5	172.8	106.7	82.9	37.4	2.1	3.8	1,293.1
1950—June	740.8	510.7	250.4	165.7	120.5	58.4	4.5	7.7	1,858.7
1951—June	758.2	525.8	259.3	170.0	125.3	60.2	4.6	8.1	1,911.5
1952—June	754.4	524.4	258.1	171.5	126.0	61.0	4.4	8.3	1,908.1
1953—June	734.3	521.6	255.2	170.6	130.2	61.8	4.6	8.5	1,886 8
1954—June	758.1	539.7	263.7	176.0	135.0	62.8	4.9	8.2	1,948.4
1953—Oct.	740.0	525.2	255.0	171.8	131.4	61.3	4.8	8.3	1,897.8
Nov.	745.0	527.1	255.4	172.8	131.9	61.3	4.8	8.3	1,906.6
Dec.	747.8	529.6	252.5	173.2	132.6	61.9	4.9	8.3	1,910.8
1954—Jan.	748.1	530.9	251.8	173.5	133.0	61.9	4.9	8.2	1,912.3
Feb.	750.0	533.6	254.2	174.4	133.2	61.9	4.8	8.3	1,920.4
Mar.	753.2	537.0	256.1	175.0	133.9	63.1	4.8	8.2	1,931.3
Oct.	761.9	542.6	264.7	175.5	135.1	62.3	4.9	8.2	1,955.2
Nov.	767.4	545.0	264.7	176.0	135.7	62.9	4.8	8.3	1,964.8
Dec.	770.0	546.9	263.3	176.5	135.5	63.7	4.8	8.3	1,969.0
1955—Jan.	767.8	549.2	260.9	177.5	135.3	64.1	4.9	8.4	1,968.1
Feb.	772.7	550.3	264.4	177.5	135.2	64.0	4.8	8.5	1,977.4
Mar.	775.9	552.8	266.2	177.9	136.1	64.3	4.7	8.4	1,986.3
FEMALES.									
1939—July	168.0	142.9	53.2	34.0	26.2	11.6	0.2	1.0	437.1
1950—June	278.5	210.0	83.1	54.3	39.9	19.4	0.9	2.1	688.2
1951—June	290.9	219.6	86.1	57.0	41.6	20.3	0.8	2.5	718.8
1952—June	270.5	206.6	83.8	54.9	40.5	19.8	0.8	2.5	679.4
1953—June	266.2	205.9	83.7	53.4	41.0	20.1	0.9	2.5	673.7
1954—June	279.5	217.7	86.1	56.9	42.8	21.0	0.9	2.6	707.5
1953—Oct.	272.2	210.0	84.5	54.5	41.8	19.9	0.9	2.5	686.3
Nov.	276.8	212.2	84.5	55.3	42.2	20.2	0.9	2.5	694.6
Dec.	278.8	214.6	85.1	56.2	42.6	20.6	0.9	2.5	701.3
1954—Jan.	277.0	212.7	84.9	57.0	41.6	21.0	0.9	2.6	697.7
Feb.	277.6	215.3	85.3	56.7	42.4	20.5	0.9	2.6	701.3
Mar.	279.4	219.1	85.2	57.3	42.6	20.8	0.9	2.6	707.9
Oct.	286.1	220.4	86.7	58.2	43.5	20.2	0.9	2.7	718.7
Nov.	291.0	222.3	87.6	58.6	43.9	20.5	0.9	2.7	727.5
Dec.	293.0	223.0	88.3	58.8	44.2	21.0	0.9	2.7	731.9
1955—Jan.	287.8	222.3	87.3	59.2	42.8	21.2	0.9	2.7	724.2
Feb.	291.5	224.4	88.6	59.8	43.8	21.1	0.9	2.7	732.8
Mar.	292.4	227.0	88.4	60.5	44.0	21.5	0.9	2.8	737.5
PERSONS.									
1939—July	697.9	500.4	226.0	140.7	109.1	49.0	2.3	4.8	1,730.2
1950—June	1,019.3	720.7	333.5	220.0	160.4	77.8	5.4	9.8	2,546.9
1951—June	1,049.1	745.4	345.4	227.0	166.9	80.5	5.4	10.6	2,630.3
1952—June	1,024.9	731.0	341.9	226.4	166.5	80.8	5.2	10.8	2,587.5
1953—June	1,000.5	727.5	338.9	224.0	171.2	81.9	5.5	11.0	2,560.5
1954—June	1,037.6	757.4	349.8	232.9	177.8	83.8	5.8	10.8	2,655.9
1953—Oct.	1,012.2	735.2	339.5	226.3	173.2	81.2	5.7	10.8	2,584.1
Nov.	1,021.8	739.3	339.9	228.1	174.1	81.5	5.7	10.8	2,601.2
Dec.	1,026.6	744.2	337.6	229.4	175.2	82.5	5.8	10.8	2,612.1
1954—Jan.	1,025.1	743.6	336.7	230.5	174.6	82.9	5.8	10.8	2,610.0
Feb.	1,027.6	748.9	339.5	231.1	175.6	82.4	5.7	10.9	2,621.7
Mar.	1,032.6	756.1	341.3	232.3	176.5	83.9	5.7	10.8	2,639.2
Oct.	1,048.0	763.0	351.4	233.7	178.6	82.5	5.8	10.9	2,673.9
Nov.	1,058.4	767.3	352.3	234.6	179.6	83.4	5.7	11.0	2,692.3
Dec.	1,063.0	769.9	351.6	235.3	179.7	84.7	5.7	11.0	2,700.9
1955—Jan.	1,055.6	771.5	348.2	236.7	178.1	85.3	5.8	11.1	2,692.3
Feb.	1,064.2	774.7	353.0	237.3	179.0	85.1	5.7	11.0	2,710.2
Mar.	1,068.3	779.8	354.6	238.4	180.1	85.8	5.6	11.1	2,723 8

(a) Excludes Rural, Household Domestic, Defence Forces and National Service Trainees in camp.

See also notes on previous page.

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS EMPLOYED IN FACTORIES.

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.				
							Males.	Females.	Persons.	Index av. 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.	
										Unadjusted.	Adjusted. (a)
	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.		
1938–39(b) ..	219.5	193.9	51.5	42.0	22.1	13.2	391.8	150.4	542.2	1,031	1,022
1949–50(b)(c) ..	358.8	281.5	79.6	75.7	36.6	21.9	636.9	217.2	854.1	1,624	1,386
1950–51(b)(c) ..	379.0	290.4	83.2	80.8	38.6	22.2	664.8	229.4	894.2	1,701	1,408
1951–52(b)(c) ..	377.9	292.2	83.1	81.3	38.9	22.0	672.4	223.0	895.4	1,703	1,369
1952–53(b)(c) ..	351.4	279.1	82.1	77.2	38.7	21.5	652.7	197.3	850.0	1,617	1,268
1953–54(b)(c) ..	369.6	296.1	85.0	82.2	40.3	22.4	681.1	214.5	895.6	1,703	1,312
1953–54—											
January ..	371.0	296.4	81.9	83.9	40.3	23.0	680.7	215.8	896.5	1,705	1,311
February ..	373.7	299.8	83.3	84.0	40.4	22.5	685.2	218.5	903.7	1,719	1,319
March ..	374.9	303.4	84.0	84.6	40.7	23.1	688.3	222.4	910.7	1,732	1,327
April ..	375.0	303.7	84.4	84.7	40.5	23.4	690.2	221.5	911.7	1,734	1,327
May ..	376.0	302.1	86.3	84.4	40.6	23.4	692.4	220.4	912.8	1,736	1,326
June ..	376.7	302.7	88.1	84.3	40.8	23.3	696.1	219.8	915.9	1,742	1,329
1954–55											
July ..	377.1	303.2	89.0	83.9	40.6	22.8	696.1	220.5	916.6	1,743	1,330
August ..	378.5	303.9	89.0	84.2	40.6	22.3	697.8	220.7	918.5	1,747	1,333
September ..	380.4	304.9	88.8	84.1	40.5	22.2	698.9	222.0	920.9	1,752	1,333
October ..	382.1	306.6	88.0	84.2	40.9	22.2	700.6	223.4	924.0	1,757	1,334
November ..	384.6	308.1	87.6	84.4	41.1	22.3	703.5	224.6	928.1	1,765	1,337
December ..	383.8	308.3	85.7	84.7	41.2	23.1	702.4	224.4	926.8	1,763	1,333
January ..	383.8	309.8	83.0	85.8	41.4	23.5	703.9	223.4	927.3	1,764	1,330
February ..	386.8	311.2	85.2	85.8	41.7	23.2	707.1	226.8	933.9	1,776	1,336
March ..	387.7	312.5	85.7	86.4	41.9	23.5	709.7	228.0	937.7	1,784	1,339

(a) Divided by Index of Total Population. (b) Average of monthly figures. (c) From July, 1948, monthly figures are estimates, subject to revision.

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS EMPLOYED IN RETAIL TRADE.(a)

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Period.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia.(b)		
							Males.	Females.	Persons.
1949–50(c) ..	93.4	66.8	30.2	23.1	17.6	7.0	126.7	112.0	238.7
1950–51(c) ..	97.2	68.8	31.1	23.9	18.2	7.3	129.3	117.8	247.1
1951–52(c) ..	95.9	68.6	31.3	23.6	18.4	7.3	128.0	117.7	245.7
1952–53(c) ..	90.1	66.1	30.0	22.4	18.1	7.2	124.2	110.4	234.6
1953–54(c) ..	93.0	67.5	30.6	23.1	19.0	7.5	127.2	114.0	241.2
1953–54—									
January ..	95.2	67.5	31.3	23.3	19.3	7.9	128.4	116.8	245.2
February ..	92.7	67.3	30.3	23.0	19.0	7.6	127.1	113.5	240.6
March ..	93.0	67.7	30.2	23.1	19.0	7.5	127.3	113.7	241.0
April ..	92.8	68.1	30.2	23.4	19.1	7.5	127.6	114.1	241.7
May ..	93.6	68.2	30.4	23.4	19.3	7.5	128.4	114.7	243.1
June ..	93.6	68.5	30.8	23.4	19.3	7.4	128.4	115.3	243.7
1954–55—									
July ..	93.2	68.3	30.7	23.3	19.4	7.5	128.0	114.9	242.9
August ..	93.4	68.1	30.8	23.3	19.2	7.4	128.0	114.9	242.9
September ..	93.9	68.3	31.0	23.6	19.2	7.6	128.2	115.9	244.1
October ..	94.8	68.7	31.1	23.7	19.4	7.5	128.2	117.7	245.9
November ..	100.0	71.0	31.8	24.4	19.8	7.8	131.7	123.8	255.5
December ..	104.4	72.7	32.5	24.5	20.3	8.1	134.9	128.3	263.2
January ..	96.4	70.2	31.2	24.5	19.6	7.9	130.1	120.3	250.4
February ..	95.8	70.0	30.8	24.5	19.4	7.8	129.6	119.5	249.1
March ..	96.1	69.8	30.8	24.5	19.6	7.8	129.6	119.6	249.2

(a) Estimates based on Pay-roll Tax returns. Figures from June, 1945, subject to revision. (b) Includes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory. (c) Average of monthly figures.

UNEMPLOYMENT AND SICKNESS BENEFITS.

Average Number of Persons on Benefit at end of each week.(a)

(For particulars of benefits paid, *see* page 68.)

Period.	N.S.W. (b)	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A. (c)	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT.									
1947–48 ..	664	150	2,632	51	409	33	..	..	3,939
1948–49 ..	270	32	1,100	14	126	31	..	..	1,573
1949–50 ..	10,728	128	1,578	326	267	30	..	..	13,057
1950–51 ..	293	90	320	6	60	15	..	..	784
1951–52 ..	795	162	1,348	17	57	12	..	..	2,391
1952–53 ..	17,270	6,114	4,185	841	844	256	..	..	29,510
1953–54 ..	6,859	2,856	3,177	270	427	223	..	..	13,812
Quarter ended—									
March, 1953	21,766	6,556	6,322	990	997	213	..	..	36,844
June, ,,	16,137	5,539	4,688	631	675	245	..	..	27,915
September, ,,	12,813	5,563	2,909	610	733	421	..	..	23,049
December, ,,	6,713	2,919	2,630	259	423	267	..	..	13,211
March, 1954	4,803	1,745	4,697	130	322	110	..	..	11,807
June, ,,	3,108	1,196	2,473	79	231	94	..	..	7,181
September, ,,	2,363	1,025	1,137	88	172	138	..	3	4,926
December ,,	1,333	563	908	63	117	111	..	4	3,099
March, 1955	1,300	399	2,259	60	162	53	..	4	4,237
SICKNESS BENEFIT.									
1947–48 ..	3,299	2,228	1,062	791	691	430	..	..	8,501
1948–49 ..	3,018	1,928	978	709	600	395	..	..	7,628
1949–50 ..	2,971	1,960	997	737	497	390	..	..	7,552
1950–51 ..	2,883	1,835	958	657	475	317	..	..	7,125
1951–52 ..	2,593	1,584	935	695	461	218	..	..	6,486
1952–53 ..	2,991	1,706	1,027	670	433	227	..	..	7,054
1953–54 ..	3,340	1,975	1,241	693	479	239	..	..	7,967
Quarter ended—									
March, 1953	3,213	1,723	1,038	667	423	217	..	..	7,281
June, ,,	3,262	1,956	1,109	713	482	245	..	..	7,767
September, ,,	3,525	2,121	1,251	735	504	269	..	..	8,405
December, ,,	3,413	2,031	1,263	734	493	246	..	..	8,180
March, 1954	3,160	1,834	1,212	646	464	215	..	..	7,531
June, ,,	3,262	1,916	1,239	658	454	223	..	..	7,752
September, ,,	3,564	2,095	1,258	696	485	252	4	12	8,366
December ,,	3,382	2,046	1,337	676	452	241	6	12	8,152
March, 1955	3,163	1,900	1,284	602	454	221	5	12	7,641

(a) In addition, the average number of persons (excluding migrants) receiving Special Benefits at end of each week were :—1947–48, 494; 1948–49, 574; 1949–50, 877; 1950–51, 863; 1951–52, 987; 1952–53, 1,372; and 1953–54, 1,859. (b) Includes Australian Capital Territory to June, 1954. (c) Includes Northern Territory to June, 1954.

INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES (CAUSING STOPPAGE OF WORK)—STATES.

Period.	Disputes.	Workers Involved.			Working Days Lost.			Estimated Loss in Wages. £
		Directly.	Indirectly. (a)	Total.	New Disputes.	Old Disputes.	Total.	
NEW SOUTH WALES.								
Year—1954(b) ..	1,063	217,081	5,205	222,286	495,337	6,236	501,573	1,654,814
1954—Mar. Qtr. (b)	282	43,202	461	43,663	75,939	6,236	82,175	276,103
June ,,	260	44,902	545	45,447	62,240	18,175	80,415	270,927
Sept. ,,	329	89,061	2,732	91,793	169,701	14,220	183,921	591,062
Dec. ,,	192	39,916	1,467	41,383	150,815	4,247	155,062	516,722
1955—Mar., ,,(c)	257	63,137	5,703	68,840	124,420	611	125,031	418,905
VICTORIA.								
Year—1954 ..	76	42,476	2,337	44,813	135,611	..	135,611	460,213
1954—Mar. Qtr.	24	19,411	36	19,447	28,262	..	28,262	97,358
June ,,	17	9,931	605	10,536	26,379	..	26,379	81,823
Sept. ,,	19	3,618	517	4,135	13,096	2,670	15,766	49,472
Dec. ,,	16	9,516	1,179	10,695	63,355	1,545	64,900	230,433
1955—Mar. ,,(c)	25	8,539	824	9,363	19,603	1,736	21,339	62,921
QUEENSLAND.								
Year—1954 ..	278	77,006	6,675	83,681	183,855	..	183,855	611,331
1954—Mar. Qtr.	72	16,033	1,525	17,558	21,290	..	21,290	72,299
June ,,	59	18,176	2,283	20,459	30,622	30,725	61,347	185,023
Sept. ,,	78	20,909	1,675	22,584	38,561	..	38,561	131,291
Dec. ,,	69	21,888	1,192	23,080	62,657	..	62,657	222,718
1955—Mar. ,,	67	16,139	1,691	17,830	23,832	..	23,832	78,897
SOUTH AUSTRALIA.								
Year—1954 ..	23	7,291	45	7,336	31,207	..	31,207	108,100
1954—Mar. Qtr.	1	900	..	900	514	..	514	1,800
June ,,	9	2,385	25	2,410	2,969	..	2,969	10,400
Sept. ,,	6	1,349	..	1,349	2,709	395	3,104	10,047
Dec. ,,	7	2,657	20	2,677	24,620	..	24,620	85,853
1955—Mar., ,,	14	7,398	83	7,481	9,917	..	9,917	32,070
WESTERN AUSTRALIA.								
Year—1954 ..	15	5,398	96	5,494	21,651	..	21,651	75,387
1954—Mar. Qrt.	2	39	..	39	39	..	39	112
June ,,	1	1,294	..	1,294	1,908	..	1,908	6,681
Sept. ,,	5	1,757	78	1,835	1,924	..	1,924	6,644
Dec. ,,	7	2,308	18	2,326	17,780	..	17,780	61,950
1955—Mar., ,,	2	1,543	..	1,543	1,235	..	1,235	4,293
TASMANIA.								
Year—1954(b) ..	31	5,951	136	6,087	20,251	5,664	25,915	105,042
1954—Mar. Qtr. (b)	6	811	6	817	1,530	5,664	7,194	39,275
June ,,	6	1,522	..	1,522	1,428	..	1,428	4,816
Sept. ,,	10	1,215	130	1,345	4,700	..	4,700	16,841
Dec. ,,	9	2,403	..	2,403	12,593	..	12,593	44,110
1955—Mar. ,,	13	2,851	17	2,868	2,229	..	2,229	7,602
AUSTRALIA.(d)								
Year—1954(b) ..	1,490	355,580	14,494	370,074	889,739	11,900	901,639	3,021,211
1954—Mar. Qtr. (b)	389	80,534	2,028	82,562	127,949	11,900	139,849	488,189
June ,,	353	78,330	3,458	81,788	125,723	48,900	174,623	560,289
Sept. ,,	447	117,909	5,132	123,041	230,691	17,285	247,976	805,357
Dec. ,,	301	78,807	3,876	82,683	333,095	5,792	338,887	1,166,249
1955—Mar. ,,(c)	383	100,067	8,320	108,387	183,268	2,347	185,615	610,877

(a) Persons thrown out of work at the establishments where the stoppages occurred but not themselves parties to the dispute. (b) Includes disputes not settled at end of 1953. (c) Includes disputes not settled at end of 1954. (d) Includes Australian Capital Territory and Northern Territory.

INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES (CAUSING STOPPAGE OF WORK): INDUSTRIAL GROUPS, AUSTRALIA.

Period.	Manufacturing. (Groups I. to VI.)	Building. (Group VII.)	Mining. (Group VIII.) (i) Coal-mining.	Mining. (Group VIII.) (ii) Other Mining.	Transport, Land and Sea. (Groups IX. to XI.)	Miscellaneous. (Groups XII. to XIV.)	All Groups.
NUMBER.							
1939	20	3	362	4	6	21	416
1951	142	25	912	4	242	19	1,344
1952	164	27	1,219	7	202	8	1,627
1953	143	41	944	6	311	14	1,459
1954	192	47	942	4	290	15	1,490
1954—							
March Qtr. ..	42	19	260	1	64	3	389
June ,, ..	47	8	216	..	82	..	353
Sept. ,, ..	58	13	279	2	88	7	447
Dec. ,, ..	44	7	187	1	57	5	301
1955—							
March ,, ..	79	20	171	6	103	4	383
WORKERS INVOLVED.							
1939	8,818	57	137,792	900	2,017	3,246	152,830
1951	71,606	3,667	172,732	2,843	156,608	1,136	408,592
1952	157,870	1,862	193,066	4,769	145,033	3,134	505,734
1953	155,249	8,417	147,791	3,020	179,786	1,783	496,046
1954	57,010	6,925	155,630	494	145,521	4,494	370,074
1954—							
March Qtr. ..	7,376	1,819	32,851	236	40,178	102	82,562
June ,, ..	10,105	903	30,941	..	39,839	..	81,788
Sept. ,, ..	26,801	2,496	59,991	138	30,535	3,080	123,041
Dec. ,, ..	12,519	1,707	31,847	120	35,178	1,312	82,683
1955—							
March ,, ..	28,546	8,353	20,998	554	49,148	788	108,387
WORKING DAYS LOST.							
1939	108,709	563	291,067	3,805	35,016	19,994	459,154
1951	307,173	23,750	336,447	36,255	165,437	3,912	872,974
1952	572,169	20,079	286,749	19,743	261,109	3,655	1,163,504
1953	351,722	67,506	378,715	18,956	222,564	11,367	1,050,830
1954	244,770	31,751	255,726	7,720	352,311	9,361	901,639
1954—							
March Qtr. ..	23,361	9,428	52,245	5,664	48,859	292	139,849
June ,, ..	74,576	4,620	52,778	..	42,649	..	174,623
Sept. ,, ..	109,796	11,177	85,579	1,936	32,902	6,586	247,976
Dec. ,, ..	35,263	6,526	65,124	120	229,371	2,483	338,887
1955—							
March ,, ..	69,156	26,722	33,531	2,097	49,776	4,333	185,615
ESTIMATED LOSS IN WAGES. (£.)							
1939	83,540	424	335,033	4,728	22,114	9,877	455,716
1951	752,319	59,961	863,928	189,200	382,435	8,185	2,256,028
1952	1,593,902	56,034	932,480	94,743	752,124	10,567	3,439,850
1953	1,023,366	242,500	1,247,895	80,486	703,537	39,653	3,337,437
1954	767,051	115,972	862,384	41,265	1,207,932	26,607	3,021,211
1954—							
March Qtr. ..	76,843	35,181	177,351	34,000	163,685	1,129	488,189
June ,, ..	223,673	18,953	180,520	..	137,143	..	560,289
Sept. ,, ..	347,056	36,046	286,979	6,765	109,911	18,600	805,357
Dec. ,, ..	113,214	25,792	217,534	500	802,331	6,878	1,166,249
1955—							
March ,, ..	212,400	97,050	114,762	7,241	168,474	10,950	610,877

TRADE UNIONS AND MEMBERSHIP.

Year.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia.
NUMBER OF SEPARATE UNIONS.									
1939	200	149	114	117	141	79	4	15	(*a*) 380
1950	222	152	128	138	156	98	14	28	(*a*) 360
1951	225	156	128	137	152	101	17	29	(*a*) 359
1952	223	159	129	139	151	98	15	31	(*a*) 360
1953	224	159	129	138	152	98	18	28	(*a*) 365
1954	228	158	129	138	154	98	18	29	(*a*) 371
NUMBER OF MEMBERS.									
1939	358,391	216,803	180,653	67,282	67,833	22,062	761	1,685	915,470
1950	642,145	406,317	262,586	137,504	103,582	45,044	2,438	5,728	1,605,344
1951	678,338	433,407	277,037	140,067	105,507	47,413	2,764	5,738	1,690,271
1952	649,163	416,349	274,908	137,495	105,462	46,948	2,340	4,877	1,637,542
1953	665,737	424,428	285,718	140,154	107,642	48,293	2,535	5,251	1,679,758
1954	732,737	433,891	305,304	147,555	109,589	50,290	2,168	5,970	1,787,504

(*a*) Without interstate duplication. The figures represent the number of distinct organizations and interstate groups of organizations in Australia. They do not represent the total number of organizations which are practically independent and self-governing.

AVERAGE WEEKLY TOTAL WAGES PAID AND AVERAGE EARNINGS.

The following figures are derived from employment and wages recorded on Pay-roll Tax returns (which cover approximately 80 per cent. of total employment) and from estimates of the unrecorded balance. Pay of members of the armed forces is not included. An index of average weekly wage earnings, seasonally adjusted, is published in the *Monthly Review of Business Statistics*.

Period.	New South Wales. (*a*)	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia. (*b*)	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.
AVERAGE WEEKLY TOTAL WAGES PAID. (£'000.)							
1949–50 ..	9,018	6,370	2,838	1,894	1,315	672	22,107
1950–51 ..	11,385	7,916	3,501	2,389	1,639	817	27,647
1951–52 ..	14,364	9,816	4,319	3,018	2,108	1,059	34,684
1952–53 ..	15,090	10,490	4,750	3,311	2,344	1,178	37,163
1953–54 ..	16,043	11,305	5,065	3,561	2,586	1,280	39,840
1953–54—							
March Qtr.	15,303	10,796	4,818	3,447	2,467	1,250	38,081
June ,,	16,463	11,619	5,245	3,673	2,644	1,356	41,000
1954–55—							
September Qtr.	16,765	11,848	5,344	3,750	2,729	1,277	41,713
December ,,	17,918	12,440	5,612	3,862	2,773	1,345	43,950
March ,,	16,511	11,678	5,017	3,712	2,610	1,346	40,874
AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS PER EMPLOYED MALE UNIT.(*c*) (£.)							
1949–50 ..	9.50	9.78	8.34	8.83	8.65	8.49	9.26
1950–51 ..	11.46	11.70	9.82	10.58	10.23	9.99	11.09
1951–52 ..	14.24	14.20	11.93	13.13	12.80	12.59	13.65
1952–53 ..	15.50	15.46	13.32	14.58	14.13	13.97	14.95
1953–54 ..	16.15	16.27	14.05	15.30	15.04	14.92	15.69
1953–54—							
March Qtr.	15.33	15.44	13.47	14.67	14.29	14.48	14.94
June ,,	16.38	16.48	14.33	15.52	15.20	15.51	15.93
1954–55—							
September Qtr.	16.60	16.76	14.41	15.86	15.62	14.91	16.14
December ,,	17.53	17.45	15.14	16.26	15.78	15.51	16.86
March ,,	16.07	16.20	13.59	15.50	14.86	15.20	15.59

(*a*) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (*b*) Includes Northern Territory. (*c*) Male units represent total male employment plus a proportion of female employment based on the approximate ratio of female to male earnings. The same ratio has been used in each State and because the average ratio of female to male earnings may vary between States, precise comparisons between average earnings in different States cannot be made on the basis of the figures above.

NOTE.—As quarterly totals and averages are affected by seasonal influences comparisons as to trend should be made for complete years or corresponding periods of incomplete years.

WAGES—ADULT MALES—AVERAGE NOMINAL WEEKLY AND HOURLY RATES PAYABLE AND WEEKLY HOURS OF LABOUR, 31st MARCH, 1955.(a)

Industrial Group.	Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust. (b)
I. Wood, Furniture, &c...	Weekly Wage	300/0	287/4	272/3	283/1	285/5	293/10	288/10
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	7/6	7/2¼	6/9¾	7/1	7/1¾	7/4½	7/2¾
II. Engineering Metal Works, &c.	Weekly Wage	289/10	281/2	276/7	279/1	298/3	297/1	285/1
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	7/3	7/0¼	6/11	6/11¾	7/5½	7/5¼	7/1½
III. Food, Drink, &c. ..	Weekly Wage	285/0	290/10	266/10	285/9	285/9	293/9	283/6
	Working Hours	40.00	39.93	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	39.98
	Hourly Wage	7/1½	7/3½	6/8	7/1¾	7/1¾	7/4	7/1
IV. Clothing, Textiles, &c.	Weekly Wage	278/7	281/2	288/2	288/2	291/10	277/5	281/8
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	6/11½	7/0¼	7/2½	7/2⅛	7/3½	6/11¼	7/0½
V. Books, Printing, &c. ..	Weekly Wage	329/4	326/11	307/10	318/9	344/10	335/10	326/1
	Working Hours	40.00	39.51	40.00	40.00	37.69	40.00	39.72
	Hourly Wage	8/2¾	8/2	7/8¼	7/11½	9/1¾	8/4¾	8/2½
VI. Other Manufacturing ..	Weekly Wage	287/1	278/7	263/3	280/10	282/9	288/4	281/3
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	7/2¼	6/11½	6/7	7/0¼	7/0¾	7/2⅛	7/0½
VII. Building	Weekly Wage	327/3	312/2	299/8	302/8	313/6	308/1	315/9
	Working Hours	39.94	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	39.98
	Hourly Wage	8/2¼	7/9¾	7/6	7/6¾	7/10	7/8½	7/10¾
VIII. Mining (c)	Weekly Wage	298/7	290/9	283/10	272/1	311/5	291/8	295/8
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	38.15	40.00	39.69
	Hourly Wage	7/5½	7/3¼	7/1¼	6/9½	8/2	7/3½	7/5½
IX. Rail and Tram Services	Weekly Wage	303/5	290/2	276/1	283/3	280/0	299/9	291/9
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	7/7	7/3	6/10¾	7/1	7/0	7/6	7/3½
X. Other Land Transport	Weekly Wage	280/4	271/4	255/1	266/5	279/8	283/6	273/5
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	7/0	6/9½	6/4½	6/8	7/0	7/1	6/10
XI. Shipping, &c. ..	Weekly Wage(d)(e)	307/2	311/9	307/8	309/4	309/8	310/9	308/9
XII. Pastoral, Agricultural, &c.	Weekly Wage(e)(f)	339/11	304/1	309/8	303/7	315/4	334/9	320/7
XIII. Domestic, Hotels, &c.	Weekly Wage	275/9	269/7	245/8	250/3	266/8	265/7	267/1
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	6/10¾	6/8¾	6/1¾	6/3	6/8	6/7¾	6/8¼
XIV. Miscellaneous ..	Weekly Wage	282/0	273/2	256/11	262/11	274/10	274/10	273/7
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	7/0½	6/10	6/5	6/6¾	6/10	6/10½	6/10
All Groups (b)	Weekly Wage	302/2	288/0	280/7	283/10	295/1	301/11	293/2
All Groups except XI. and XII.(b)	Weekly Wage	292/4	283/10	270/2	276/2	290/2	287/10	285/3
	Working Hours	39.99	39.98	40.00	40.00	39.51	40.00	39.95
	Hourly Wage	7/3¾	7/1½	6/9	6/10¾	7/4½	7/2½	7/1¾

(a) The figures of nominal wages and hours of labour are in course of revision to meet changes in industrial structure. The amounts shown should not be regarded as actual current averages, but as an index of changes expressed in money and hour terms. (b) Weighted average. (c) Average rates of wages and hours prevailing at the principal mining centres in each State. (d) Average rates of wages are for occupations other than Masters, Officers and Engineers in the Merchant Marine Service, and include value of keep, where supplied. (e) Definite particulars for the computation of average working hours and hourly rates of wages are not available. (f) Includes the value of keep, where supplied.

WAGES—ADULT FEMALES—AVERAGE NOMINAL WEEKLY AND HOURLY RATES PAYABLE AND WEEKLY HOURS OF LABOUR, 31st MARCH, 1955.(a)

Industrial Group.	Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust. (b)
III. Food, Drink, &c.	Weekly Wage	193/6	193/1	173/1	199/3	171/10	198/3	191/8
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	4/10	4/10	4/4	4/11¾	4/3½	4/11½	4/9½
IV. Clothing, Textiles, &c.	Weekly Wage	195/0	196/2	200/3	200/3	201/3	198/6	196/10
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	4/10½	4/10¾	5/0	5/0	5/0½	4/11½	4/11
I., II., V., & VI. All other Manufacturing	Weekly Wage	207/2	198/9	190/10	208/0	..	201/6	201/11
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	5/2¼	4/11½	4/9¼	5/2½	..	5/0½	5/0½
XIII. Domestic, Hotels, &c.	Weekly Wage	192/0	199/11	169/9	196/10	182/5	192/2	189/9
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	4/9½	4/11¾	4/3	4/11	4/6¾	4/9¾	4/9
XIV. Shop Assistants, Clerks, &c.	Weekly Wage	218/10	218/5	197/0	199/9	..	..	213/10
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	..	..	40.00
	Hourly Wage	5/5¾	5/5½	4/11	5/0	..	..	5/4¼
All Groups (b)	Weekly Wage	201/0	200/9	190/5	199/11	191/6	196/11	199/1
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	5/0¼	5/0¼	4/9	5/0	4/9½	4/11	4/11¾

(a) *See* note (a) on previous page. (b) Weighted average.

WAGES—WEIGHTED AVERAGE NOMINAL WEEKLY RATES PAYABLE FOR A FULL WEEK'S WORK, AND WAGE INDEX NUMBERS.(a)

Date.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust. (b)
ADULT MALES—RATES OF WAGE.							
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
31st December, 1914	56 2	54 7	53 5	54 5	62 10	52 8	55 7
" " 1939	96 7	93 6	97 5	88 11	100 6	89 5	95 3
" " 1951	255 0	245 5	240 10	241 8	251 4	247 3	248 7
" " 1952	284 8	274 5	267 9	274 6	284 7	276 2	278 2
" " 1953	296 8	282 6	273 10	278 9	292 5	296 11	287 7
" " 1954	298 4	284 3	278 7	282 2	293 3	299 2	290 0
31st March, 1955	302 2	288 0	280 8	283 10	295 1	301 11	293 2
ADULT MALES—INDEX NUMBERS.—(BASE: 51s. 3d. (b) IN 1911 = 1,000.)							
31st December, 1914	1,096	1,065	1,042	1,062	1,226	1,028	1,085
" " 1939	1,885	1,825	1,900	1,735	1,962	1,745	1,858
" " 1951	4,975	4,789	4,699	4,715	4,904	4,825	4,850
" " 1952	5,555	5,354	5,224	5,356	5,553	5,388	5,428
" " 1953	5,788	5,513	5,342	5,439	5,705	5,794	5,611
" " 1954	5,820	5,547	5,435	5,506	5,722	5,837	5,658
31st March 1955	5,896	5,619	5,476	5,538	5,758	5,891	5,720
ADULT FEMALES: RATES OF WAGE.							
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
31st December, 1914	26 10	27 9	27 1	24 1	37 4	25 10	27 5
" " 1939	53 3	51 9	55 2	49 7	55 8	50 8	52 8
" " 1951	171 1	172 10	161 7	171 4	163 2	168 7	170 4
" " 1952	193 11	196 2	184 4	195 8	186 0	191 2	193 5
" " 1953	198 5	200 10	188 7	199 6	190 5	196 4	197 11
" " 1954	198 9	200 2	190 0	199 5	190 5	196 7	197 11
31st March, 1955	201 0	200 9	190 5	199 11	191 6	196 11	199 1
ADULT FEMALES—INDEX NUMBERS.—(BASE—27s. 2d. (b) IN APRIL, 1914 = 1,000.)							
31st December, 1914	987	1,022	996	885	1,373	950	1,006
" " 1939	1,960	1,906	2,031	1,826	2,049	1,866	1,938
" " 1951	6,296	6,362	5,948	6,305	6,007	6,204	6,268
" " 1952	7,138	7,220	6,784	7,202	6,846	7,037	7,120
" " 1953	7,302	7,392	6,940	7,342	7,007	7,226	7,285
" " 1954	7,314	7,367	6,994	7,339	7,007	7,236	7,285
31st March, 1955	7,398	7,390	7,007	7,358	7,049	7,249	7,328

(a) *See* note (a) on previous page. (b) Weighted average.

BASIC WAGE—WEEKLY RATES FOR ADULT MALES UNDER AWARDS OF COMMONWEALTH COURT OF CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION.(a)

Date Operative.	Sydney.	Melbourne.	Brisbane.	Adelaide.	Perth.	Hobart.	Six Capitals.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
September, 1939 ..	81 0	81 0	76 0	78 0	77 0	77 0	79 0
November, 1945 ..	99 0	98 0	93 0	93 0	94 0	94 0	96 0
December, 1946 ..	108 0	106 0	101 0	102 0	102 0	103 0	105 0
November, 1947 ..	112 0	109 0	105 0	106 0	106 0	107 0	109 0
,, 1948 ..	122 0	120 0	115 0	116 0	116 0	118 0	119 0
,, 1949 ..	132 0	130 0	125 0	126 0	129 0	128 0	129 0
,, 1950 ..	146 0	143 0	135 0	137 0	139 0	139 0	142 0
December, 1950 ..	165 0	162 0	154 0	158 0	160 0	160 0	162 0
November, 1951 ..	207 0	199 0	185 0	195 0	197 0	199 0	200 0
May, 1952 ..	223 0	212 0	207 0	211 0	214 0	214 0	216 0
August, 1952 ..	235 0	224 0	213 0	224 0	222 0	222 0	227 0
November, 1952 ..	237 0	228 0	216 0	229 0	228 0	230 0	231 0
February, 1953 ..	238 0	229 0	215 0	225 0	229 0	232 0	231 0
May, 1953 ..	241 0	232 0	217 0	228 0	231 0	239 0	234 0
August, 1953(b)	243 0	235 0	218 0	231 0	236 0	242 0	236 0

(a) Rates operative from beginning of first pay period commencing in months shown. (b) By decision of the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration, announced on 12th September, 1953, automatic adjustment of basic wages in accordance with variations occurring in retail price index numbers was discontinued in Commonwealth awards.

NOTE.—Since December, 1950, the female basic wage has been 75 per cent. of corresponding male rate ; previously it had ranged between 54 per cent. and 75 per cent.

STATE BASIC WAGES—WEEKLY RATES.

State.	February, 1955.			May, 1955.		
	Date of Operation. (a)	Males.	Females.	Date of Operation. (a)	Males.	Females.
		s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
New South Wales(b)—						
Metropolitan and Country, excluding Broken Hill ..	Aug., 1953	243 0	182 0	Aug., 1953	243 0	182 0
Broken Hill	Aug., 1953	247 0	185 0	Aug., 1953	247 0	185 0
Victoria(c)	Feb., 1955	235 0	176 0	May, 1955	237 0	177 6
Queensland(d)—						
Southern Division (Eastern District), including Brisbane	1.2.54	225 0	151 0	1.2.54	225 0	151 0
Southern Division (Western District)	1.2.54	232 4	154 8	1.2.54	232 4	154 8
Mackay Division ..	1.2.54	230 6	153 9	1.2.54	230 6	153 9
Northern Division (Eastern District)	1.2.54	235 0	156 0	1.2.54	235 0	156 0
Northern Division (Western District)	1.2.54	242 4	159 8	1.2.54	242 4	159 8
South Australia(e)	Aug., 1953	231 0	173 0	Aug., 1953	231 0	173 0
Western Australia(f)—						
Metropolitan Area ..	27.7.53	246 6	160 3	27.7.53	246 6	160 3
South-West Land Division	27.7.53	246 0	159 11	27.7.53	246 0	159 11
Goldfield and other areas ..	27.7.53	249 4	162 1	27.7.53	249 4	162 1
Tasmania(g)	Aug., 1953	242 0	181 6	Aug., 1953	242 0	181 6

(a) Where dates are not quoted wage rates operate from beginning of first pay-period in month shown. (b) Automatic adjustment discontinued from 23rd October, 1953, following decision of the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration (*see* note (b) to previous table). (c) No basic wage declared but rates shown (Melbourne) are those commonly adopted by Wages Boards. The Labour and Industry Act requires Wages Boards to provide for the automatic adjustment of wage rates in accordance with variations in retail price index numbers. (d) Between February, 1954 and May, 1955, the Queensland Industrial Court declined to make any alteration in the basic wage consequent on quarterly movements in the "C" Series retail price index numbers. (e) The "living wage" declared for the metropolitan area is also adopted in country areas except at Whyalla where a loading of 5s. is generally payable. The "living wage" is subject to quarterly variation according to the amount of the general automatic quarterly adjustment in the Commonwealth basic wage (now discontinued) for Adelaide. (f) The West Australian Court of Arbitration from July, 1953 to May, 1955, declined to adjust the basic wage in accordance with movements in the cost-of-living statements supplied by the Government Statistician. (g) None declared but rates shown (Hobart) are those commonly adopted by Wages Boards.

Section XI.—Prices.

THE INTERIM RETAIL PRICE INDEX.

For a description of the structure and scope of the Interim Index and a comparison with that of the "C" Series, *see* Statistical Bulletin—*The Interim Retail Price Index* (1952–53 *Base Year*), issued 24th March, 1954.

INTERIM RETAIL PRICE INDEX NUMBERS.

(*Base of each Index*: *Year* 1952–53=100.)

NOTE.—The index numbers hereunder are designed to measure aggregate variations in retail prices of specified groups of items for specified cities individually. They measure variations from time to time and not differences in price level as between cities nor comparative costs of groups of items.

City.	Year ended June, 1951.	Year ended June, 1952.	Year ended June, 1953.	Year ended June, 1954.	1953.	1954.				1955.
					Dec. Qtr.	Mar. Qtr.	June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.	Mar. Qtr.
GROUP I.—FOOD.										
Sydney ..	66.1	89.9	100.0	102.4	101.9	102.9	101.8	101.6	102.8	104.6
Melbourne ..	69.2	89.1	100.0	104.6	104.7	104.4	104.3	102.7	103.4	104.8
Brisbane ..	69.2	90.1	100.0	104.1	104.0	105.5	104.0	102.3	103.3	105.2
Adelaide ..	69.2	90.5	100.0	103.5	103.1	103.4	104.2	105.1	104.9	106.5
Perth	69.3	87.0	100.0	106.3	103.8	106.8	109.4	109.6	108.0	109.0
Hobart ..	66.4	86.8	100.0	107.7	109.0	106.6	106.6	106.1	105.0	107.3
Six Capitals(*a*)	67.9	89.4	100.0	103.7	103.4	104.0	103.7	103.0	103.7	105.3
GROUP II.—CLOTHING AND DRAPERY.										
Sydney ..	78.6	93.6	100.0	101.7	101.6	101.9	101.8	101.8	102.6	102.2
Melbourne ..	77.6	93.4	100.0	101.3	101.3	101.5	101.1	101.2	101.9	102.2
Brisbane ..	78.7	94.6	100.0	101.7	101.7	101.8	101.9	102.0	102.8	102.8
Adelaide ..	77.0	93.9	100.0	102.2	102.4	102.3	101.8	101.9	102.7	103.1
Perth	78.8	95.5	100.0	100.9	101.0	101.0	100.6	100.7	101.5	101.7
Hobart ..	78.9	94.7	100.0	102.6	102.8	102.8	102.6	102.6	103.0	103.3
Six Capitals(*a*)	78.1	93.8	100.0	101.6	101.6	101.8	101.5	101.6	102.3	102.4
GROUP III.—RENT(*b*) (4 AND 5 ROOMED HOUSES.)										
Sydney ..	86.6	87.7	100.0	107.7	107.2	108.7	108.8	109.3	109.5	109.6
Melbourne ..	99.4	99.6	100.0	100.8	100.6	101.0	101.3	101.5	101.8	102.3
Brisbane ..	93.7	97.7	100.0	102.9	102.5	103.6	103.7	104.4	105.1	105.5
Adelaide ..	82.8	86.0	100.0	102.7	102.4	102.9	103.3	103.8	104.5	105.0
Perth	82.1	94.4	100.0	110.8	101.9	103.1	136.7	147.3	148.3	149.5
Hobart ..	85.1	91.4	100.0	108.8	108.8	109.3	109.4	109.4	109.5	109.5
Six Capitals(*a*)	90.3	92.6	100.0	105.0	103.9	104.9	107.7	108.9	109.3	109.7
GROUP IV.—OTHER ITEMS.(*c*)										
Sydney ..	78.3	93.6	100.0	100.5	99.9	100.8	100.7	101.0	101.0	100.6
Melbourne ..	73.5	88.7	100.0	100.9	100.4	101.2	100.9	101.1	100.9	101.3
Brisbane ..	78.5	92.7	100.0	103.0	103.6	103.5	103.5	104.0	104.3	104.8
Adelaide ..	76.9	90.2	100.0	99.3	98.8	99.4	98.7	99.1	99.3	99.4
Perth	74.6	89.6	100.0	100.8	101.1	100.4	100.5	101.2	101.4	101.6
Hobart ..	72.7	89.0	100.0	108.2	109.2	109.8	104.6	104.9	105.0	105.0
Six Capitals(*a*)	76.3	91.3	100.0	100.9	100.5	101.2	100.9	101.2	101.2	101.2
ALL GROUPS.										
Sydney ..	74.6	91.7	100.0	102.2	101.8	102.6	102.2	102.2	102.9	103.4
Melbourne ..	75.2	91.0	100.0	102.4	102.2	102.4	102.3	101.8	102.2	102.9
Brisbane ..	76.4	92.7	100.0	103.0	103.1	103.8	103.3	102.8	103.6	104.5
Adelaide ..	74.7	90.9	100 0	102.0	101.7	102.0	102.0	102 5	102.8	103.5
Perth	74.5	90.7	100.0	103.9	102.2	103.3	107.6	109.0	108.7	109.3
Hobart ..	73.1	89.9	100.0	106.6	107.4	106.7	105.3	105.1	104.9	105.8
Six Capitals(*a*)	74.9	91.4	100.0	102.5	102.2	102.7	102.7	102.7	103.2	103.8

(*a*) Weighted Average. (*b*) *See* note (*b*) on page 104. (*c*) A group of items under the following headings—Electricity, Gas, and Firewood; Household Sundries; Services; Cinema Admission, Radio Licence, and Newspapers; Fares; and Tobacco and Cigarettes.

THE "C" SERIES RETAIL PRICE INDEX.

NOTE.—The retail price index numbers on this and the next three pages are related to the period 1923-27. The weighted average prices for these five years for the Six Capital Cities are made equal to 1,000.

"C" SERIES RETAIL PRICE INDEX NUMBERS—CAPITAL CITIES.

(*Base of each Group : Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities*, 1923-27=1,000.)

NOTE.—The index numbers given in the separate parts of the table cannot be compared with each other in order to show the relative cost of housing, food and groceries, &c., since the cost in 1923-27 *in each group or combination* is made equal to 1,000.

City.	1938.	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.	1954.				1955.
							Mar. Qtr.	June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.	Mar. Qtr.
GROUP I. FOOD AND GROCERIES.											
Sydney	904	1,572	2,099	2,654	2,711	2,721	2,738	2,703	2,701	2,741	2,804
Melbourne	884	1,605	2,088	2,509	2,684	2,687	2,715	2,710	2,652	2,671	2,725
Brisbane	838	1,462	1,823	2,328	2,413	2,451	2,504	2,440	2,404	2,456	2,502
Adelaide	861	1,494	1,931	2,380	2,444	2,525	2,478	2,499	2,562	2,560	2,595
Perth	899	1,597	1,963	2,359	2,608	2,802	2,731	2,832	2,848	2,798	2,819
Hobart	880	1,574	1,992	2,487	2,803	2,797	2,837	2,799	2,781	2,770	2,829
Six Capitals (*a*) ..	886	1,566	2,041	2,526	2,641	2,671	2,683	2,670	2,654	2,677	2,730
GROUP II.—RENT (*b*)—4 AND 5 ROOMED HOUSES.											
Sydney	1,004	1,050	1,053	1,118	1,276	1,324	1,318	1,320	1,326	1,330	1,331
Melbourne	935	979	980	984	988	998	995	997	999	1,002	1,006
Brisbane	841	883	934	958	981	1,010	1,004	1,005	1,012	1,019	1,022
Adelaide	868	929	949	1,055	1,155	1,174	1,166	1,170	1,176	1,184	1,190
Perth	872	901	1,065	1,185	1,205	1,602	1,230	1,632	1,768	1,779	1,795
Hobart	913	941	1,048	1,079	1,249	1,271	1,271	1,271	1,271	1,272	1,272
Six Capitals (*a*) ..	942	987	1,009	1,057	1,138	1,192	1,162	1,191	1,205	1,209	1,213
GROUP III.—CLOTHING.											
Sydney	833	2,329	2,806	3,116	3,273	3,263	3,280	3,257	3,250	3,266	3,250
Melbourne	820	2,259	2,697	3,085	3,201	3,196	3,204	3,189	3,196	3,194	3,199
Brisbane	823	2,226	2,690	3,016	3,103	3,120	3,117	3,117	3,109	3,135	3,133
Adelaide	857	2,256	2,736	3,108	3,235	3,218	3,222	3,212	3,209	3,227	3,234
Perth	823	2,289	2,759	3,123	3,185	3,188	3,187	3,179	3,180	3,204	3,211
Hobart	848	2,286	2,752	3,089	3,212	3,238	3,250	3,239	3,229	3,235	3,243
Six Capitals (*a*) ..	829	2,286	2,749	3,096	3,223	3,218	3,228	3,212	3,210	3,222	3,218
GROUP IV.—MISCELLANEOUS.											
Sydney	936	1,470	1,711	1,980	2,041	2,048	2,051	2,045	2,047	2,048	2,014
Melbourne	982	1,426	1,668	1,949	2,090	2,090	2,101	2,094	2,081	2,082	2,079
Brisbane	947	1,363	1,603	1,841	1,928	1,987	1,988	1,982	1,983	1,995	1,995
Adelaide	1,023	1,470	1,710	2,025	2,098	2,103	2,107	2,102	2,102	2,102	2,103
Perth	949	1,357	1,624	1,945	2,039	2,049	2,053	2,047	2,046	2,048	2,047
Hobart	933	1,293	1,600	1,920	2,137	2,125	2,200	2,097	2,101	2,101	2,104
Six Capitals (*a*) ..	961	1,435	1,679	1,958	2,053	2,062	2,070	2,061	2,058	2,060	2,046
TOTAL ALL GROUPS.											
Sydney	913	1,593	1,933	2,265	2,368	2,382	2,391	2,373	2,372	2,391	2,405
Melbourne	896	1,565	1,880	2,170	2,285	2,288	2,301	2,295	2,273	2,281	2,302
Brisbane	852	1,472	1,760	2,063	2,135	2,170	2,187	2,163	2,150	2,178	2,195
Adelaide	888	1,521	1,833	2,159	2,246	2,277	2,260	2,265	2,289	2,294	2,310
Perth	883	1,538	1,860	2,170	2,295	2,459	2,348	2,475	2,512	2,502	2,514
Hobart	887	1,526	1,861	2,180	2,399	2,406	2,437	2,402	2,394	2,391	2,415
Six Capitals (*a*) ..	897	1,560	1,883	2,196	2,302	2,326	2,327	2,324	2,321	2,333	2,349

(*a*) Weighted average. (*b*) *See* note (*b*) on page 104.

"C" SERIES RETAIL PRICE INDEX NUMBERS—FOOD AND GROCERIES.

(*Base : Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities*, 1923-27=1,000.)

State and Town.	1939.	1954.				1955.				Percentage increase from August 1939, to March 1955.
	August.	Month.			Mar. Qtr.	Month.			Mar. Qtr.	
		Jan.	Feb.	Mar.		Jan.	Feb.	Mar.		
NEW SOUTH WALES—										
Sydney	926	2,728	2,731	2,755	2,738	2,766	2,779	2,868	2,804	209.7
Newcastle	960	2,796	2,778	2,809	2,794	2,844	2,872	2,930	2,882	205.2
Broken Hill	1,069	3,048	3,007	3,010	3,022	2,988	3,004	3,013	3,002	181.9
Goulburn	991	2,740	2,788	2,846	2,791	2,915	2,936	2,950	2,934	197.7
Bathurst	939	2,903	2,906	2,904	2,904	2,934	2,960	2,964	2,953	215.7
FIVE TOWNS (*a*)	932	2,741	2,742	2,766	2,750	2,779	2,793	2,877	2,816	208.7
VICTORIA—										
Melbourne	931	2,719	2,713	2,712	2,715	2,696	2,725	2,754	2,725	195.8
Ballarat	939	2,788	2,762	2,770	2,773	2,715	2,746	2,778	2,746	195.8
Bendigo	915	2,715	2,688	2,700	2,701	2,699	2,704	2,744	2,716	199.9
Geelong	942	2,717	2,702	2,700	2,706	2,695	2,706	2,743	2,715	191.2
Warrnambool	952	2,822	2,819	2,832	2,824	2,820	2,834	2,863	2,839	200.7
FIVE TOWNS (*a*)	932	2,722	2,715	2,714	2,717	2,698	2,725	2,755	2,726	195.6
QUEENSLAND—										
Brisbane	855	2,496	2,480	2,537	2,504	2,473	2,521	2,512	2,502	193.8
Toowoomba	812	2,510	2,503	2,536	2,516	2,521	2,581	2,613	2,572	221.8
Rockhampton	893	2,575	2,566	2,633	2,591	2,546	2,607	2,618	2,590	193.2
Townsville	948	2,674	2,695	2,741	2,703	2,683	2,743	2,711	2,712	186.0
Bundaberg	906	2,549	2,541	2,582	2,557	2,576	2,613	2,628	2,606	190.1
FIVE TOWNS (*a*)	862	2,516	2,504	2,559	2,526	2,499	2,549	2,543	2,530	195.0
SOUTH AUSTRALIA—										
Adelaide	882	2,492	2,470	2,471	2,478	2,580	2,591	2,615	2,595	196.5
Kadina, Moonta, Wallaroo	980	2,557	2,553	2,557	2,556	2,642	2,657	2,678	2,659	173.3
Port Pirie	1,001	2,594	2,576	2,581	2,584	2,685	2,696	2,717	2,699	171.4
Mount Gambier	930	2,615	2,607	2,613	2,612	2,625	2,636	2,638	2,633	183.7
Peterborough	983	2,550	2,543	2,556	2,550	2,632	2,649	2,664	2,648	171.0
FIVE TOWNS (*a*)	891	2,500	2,479	2,481	2,487	2,586	2,598	2,622	2,602	194.3
WESTERN AUSTRALIA—										
Perth and Fremantle	947	2,692	2,740	2,760	2,731	2,809	2,803	2,844	2,819	200.3
Kalgoorlie and Boulder	1,102	2,813	2,872	2,872	2,852	2,972	2,978	2,993	2,981	171.6
Northam	981	2,714	2,741	2,755	2,737	2,877	2,886	2,892	2,885	194.8
Bunbury	975	2,740	2,798	2,809	2,782	2,858	2,867	2,873	2,866	194.7
Geraldton	958	2,816	2,816	2,816	2,816	2,887	2,897	2,905	2,896	203.2
FIVE TOWNS (*a*)	960	2,705	2,753	2,770	2,743	2,825	2,821	2,857	2,834	197.6
TASMANIA—										
Hobart	914	2,906	2,812	2,792	2,837	2,844	2,832	2,811	2,829	207.5
Launceston	905	2,843	2,740	2,722	2,768	2,730	2,747	2,735	2,737	202.2
Burnie	942	2,844	2,750	2,759	2,784	2,752	2,775	2,783	2,770	195.4
Devonport	930	2,826	2,769	2,751	2,782	2,735	2,751	2,771	2,752	198.0
Queenstown	1,018	2,961	2,926	2,891	2,926	2,931	2,942	2,946	2,940	189.4
FIVE TOWNS (*a*)	917	2,882	2,790	2,771	2,814	2,803	2,804	2,789	2,799	204.1
THIRTY TOWNS (*a*)	922	2,689	2,684	2,700	2,691	2,709	2,729	2,774	2,737	200.9
SIX CAPITALS (*a*)	918	2,680	2,677	2,693	2,683	2,701	2,720	2,769	2,730	201.6
Lithgow (N.S.W.) (*b*)	948	2,897	2,905	2,901	2,901	2,935	2,958	2,965	2,953	212.8
Warwick (Q.) (*b*)	851	2,535	2,545	2,568	2,549	2,566	2,605	2,625	2,599	208.5
Port Augusta (S.A.) (*b*)	994	2,579	2,558	2,561	2,566	2,673	2,671	2,688	2,677	170.4
Whyalla (S.A.) (*b*)	(*c*)	2,656	2,655	2,650	2,654	2,746	2,761	2,781	2,763	(*c*)
Canberra (A.C.T.) (*b*)	1,046	2,842	2,843	2,858	2,848	2,974	2,998	3,024	2,999	189.1

(*a*) Weighted average. (*b*) Not included in weighted averages above. (*c*) Not available.

THE "C" SERIES RETAIL PRICE INDEX.

Retail Price Index Numbers—Food, Groceries, Housing (4 and 5 Roomed Houses), Clothing and Miscellaneous Household Requirements.

(*Base : Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities*, 1923-27=1,000.)

State and Town.	1938.	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.	1954. Mar. Qtr.	1954. June Qtr.	1954. Sept. Qtr.	1954. Dec. Qtr.	1955. Mar. Qtr.
NEW SOUTH WALES—											
Sydney	913	1,593	1,933	2,265	2,368	2,382	2,391	2,373	2,372	2,391	2,405
Newcastle	877	1,543	1,901	2,209	2,205	2,324	2,327	2,319	2,311	2,340	2,358
Broken Hill ..	940	1,692	1,997	2,344	2,411	2,421	2,432	2,425	2,410	2,415	2,421
Goulburn	893	1,578	1,921	2,232	2,302	2,327	2,318	2,329	2,318	2,343	2,372
Bathurst	860	1,552	1,882	2,219	2,364	2,382	2,393	2,383	2,366	2,385	2,412
FIVE TOWNS (*a*) ..	911	1,591	1,931	2,262	2,362	2,378	2,386	2,369	2,368	2,387	2,401
VICTORIA—											
Melbourne	896	1,565	1,880	2,170	2,285	2,288	2,301	2,295	2,273	2,281	2,302
Ballarat	850	1,509	1,857	2,147	2,265	2,272	2,288	2,283	2,257	2,258	2,276
Bendigo	854	1,520	1,826	2,139	2,261	2,266	2,278	2,271	2,254	2,261	2,280
Geelong	884	1,549	1,871	2,154	2,263	2,268	2,278	2,272	2,257	2,265	2,275
Warrnambool ..	892	1,558	1,886	2,205	2,323	2,345	2,356	2,350	2,332	2,340	2,356
FIVE TOWNS (*a*) ..	893	1,561	1,877	2,168	2,283	2,286	2,299	2,293	2,272	2,279	2,300
QUEENSLAND—											
Brisbane	852	1,472	1,760	2,063	2,135	2,170	2,187	2,163	2,150	2,178	2,195
Toowoomba ..	843	1,486	1,773	2,083	2,160	2,191	2,204	2,197	2,173	2,191	2,227
Rockhampton ..	853	1,491	1,785	2,091	2,166	2,206	2,221	2,215	2,191	2,198	2,238
Townsville	902	1,525	1,818	2,148	2,243	2,284	2,304	2,288	2,270	2,275	2,326
Bundaberg	831	1,464	1,754	2,056	2,118	2,157	2,158	2,163	2,144	2,161	2,188
FIVE TOWNS (*a*) ..	854	1,478	1,767	2,072	2,145	2,181	2,197	2,177	2,162	2,186	2,209
SOUTH AUSTRALIA—											
Adelaide	888	1,521	1,833	2,159	2,246	2,277	2,260	2,265	2,289	2,294	2,310
Kadina, &c. ..	786	1,423	1,742	2,077	2,162	2,201	2,193	2,190	2,208	2,212	2,229
Port Pirie	868	1,500	1,811	2,135	2,210	2,251	2,236	2,237	2,263	2,267	2,281
Mount Gambier ..	849	1,499	1,863	2,145	2,226	2,267	2,266	2,269	2,265	2,267	2,282
Peterborough ..	868	1,496	1,808	2,129	2,199	2,255	2,230	2,260	2,254	2,277	2,297
FIVE TOWNS (*a*) ..	883	1,516	1,829	2,155	2,241	2,274	2,257	2,262	2,285	2,290	2,305
WESTERN AUSTRALIA—											
Perth, &c.	882	1,538	1,860	2,170	2,295	2,459	2,348	2,475	2,512	2,502	2,514
Kalgoorlie, &c. ..	1,048	1,636	1,940	2,262	2,361	2,426	2,407	2,418	2,435	2,442	2,452
Northam	900	1,550	1,870	2,186	2,315	2,417	2,360	2,395	2,441	2,470	2,481
Bunbury	914	1,559	1,870	2,195	2,314	2,447	2,376	2,403	2,498	2,512	2,519
Geraldton	957	1,611	1,956	2,293	2,421	2,577	2,473	2,550	2,648	2,638	2,643
FIVE TOWNS (*a*) ..	897	1,547	1,868	2,180	2,303	2,458	2,356	2,469	2,507	2,500	2,512
TASMANIA—											
Hobart	887	1,526	1,861	2,180	2,309	2,406	2,437	2,402	2,394	2,391	2,415
Launceston	872	1,493	1,857	2,154	2,359	2,364	2,386	2,359	2,360	2,349	2,364
Burnie	865	1,484	1,810	2,120	2,309	2,316	2,349	2,311	2,306	2,297	2,326
Devonport	848	1,481	1,793	2,093	2,285	2,295	2,332	2,285	2,286	2,275	2,294
Queenstown ..	875	1,494	1,808	2,119	2,308	2,321	2,343	2,311	2,316	2,313	2,330
FIVE TOWNS (*a*) ..	879	1,511	1,852	2,163	2,375	2,381	2,409	2,376	2,372	2,367	2,387
THIRTY TOWNS (*a*) ..	894	1,556	1,880	2,193	2,299	2,323	2,325	2,321	2,317	2,329	2,346
SIX CAPITALS (*a*) ..	897	1,560	1,883	2,196	2,302	2,326	2,327	2,324	2,321	2,333	2,349
Warwick (Q.) (*b*) ..	800	1,461	1,751	2,063	2,140	2,178	2,180	2,180	2,168	2,183	2,207
Port Augusta (S.A.) (*b*) ..	863	1,512	1,823	2,141	2,204	2,235	2,222	2,222	2,248	2,248	2,263
Whyalla (S.A.) (*b*) ..	(*c*)	1,515	1,848	2,166	2,274	2,313	2,306	2,298	2,327	2,322	2,342
Canberra (A.C.T.) (*b*) ..	966	1,600	1,931	2,247	2,328	2,353	2,346	2,344	2,337	2,336	2,397

(*a*) Weighted average. (*b*) Not included in weighted averages above. (*c*) Not available.

THE "C" SERIES RETAIL PRICE INDEX.

The "C" Series Retail Price Index and its Group Index Numbers for the Six Capital Cities combined.

(*Base of each Group : Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities,* 1923–27 = 1,000.)(*a*)

Period.	Food and Groceries.	Rent (4 and 5 Roomed Houses). (*b*)	Clothing.	Miscellaneous.	Total "C" Series. Index.
Year—					
1914(*c*)	641	649	754	749	687
1919(*c*)	1,026	768	1,238	1,036	1,022
1924..	969	988	1,003	1,004	987
1925..	998	1,008	991	992	997
1926..	1,023	1,026	986	998	1,011
1927..	1,000	1,030	975	1,008	1,002
1928..	985	1,066	997	1,010	1,009
1929..	1,044	1,073	996	1,007	1,033
1930..	941	1,047	951	999	975
1931..	826	901	853	973	873
1932..	796	817	804	958	830
1933..	751	804	787	950	804
1934..	783	810	785	944	817
1935..	806	839	783	946	832
1936..	825	879	792	947	850
1937..	851	912	811	960	873
1938..	886	942	829	961	897
1939..	927	965	841	962	920
1940..	939	973	956	998	957
1941..	947	976	1,118	1,060	1,008
1942..	1,031	976	1,308	1,112	1,091
1943..	1,037	975	1,440	1,160	1,131
1944..	1,026	976	1,435	1,165	1,126
1945..	1,034	975	1,425	1,161	1,126
1946..	1,036	976	1,505	1,167	1,145
1947..	1,100	977	1,566	1,199	1,188
1948..	1,256	979	1,744	1,257	1,295
1949..	1,394	982	1,997	1,338	1,415
1950..	1,566	987	2,286	1,435	1,560
1951..	2,041	1,009	2,749	1,679	1,883
1952..	2,526	1,057	3,096	1,958	2,196
1953..	2,641	1,138	3,223	2,053	2,302
1954..	2,671	1,192	3,218	2,062	2,326
Quarter—					
1954—March	2,683	1,162	3,228	2,070	2,327
June ..	2,670	1,191	3,212	2,061	2,324
September ..	2,654	1,205	3,210	2,058	2,321
December ..	2,677	1,209	3,222	2,060	2,333
1955—March	2,730	1,213	3,218	2,046	2,349

(*a*) The index numbers given in the separate columns of the table cannot be compared with each other in order to show, for example, the relative cost of housing, and food and groceries, since the cost *in each group or combination* in 1923–27 is made equal to 1,000. (*b*) *Rent.*—The rent index numbers shown in the table above and elsewhere in this publication measure the proportionate rise and fall in the average weekly rentals paid for houses of four and five rooms taking corresponding houses throughout. They are "price" indexes in the strict sense, i.e., they are designed to measure only the "price" element in rent fluctuations. Rentals of new tenanted houses completed since the end of the war are not taken into account. (*c*) November.

NEW SOUTH WALES—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES (a) RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED: QUARTER ENDED 31st MARCH, 1955.

Item.	Unit.	Sydney.			Newcastle.			Broken Hill.			Goulburn.			Bathurst.		
		Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
Groceries, &c.—		d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Bread	2 lb.	13.30	13.30	13.30	13.50	13.50	13.50	15.50	15.50	15.50	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00
Flour, ordinary	"	12.00	12.00	12.00	11.80	11.80	11.80	11.80	11.80	11.80	12.10	12.10	12.10	11.50	11.50	11.50
" self-raising	"	19.50	19.50	19.50	19.93	19.93	19.93	18.90	18.90	18.90	21.00	21.00	21.00	20.50	20.50	20.50
Tea	lb.	89.00	89.00	89.00	90.00	90.00	90.00	92.00	92.00	92.00	90.50	90.50	90.50	90.00	90.00	90.00
Sugar	"	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.75	9.75	9.75	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.00	10.00	10.00	9.75	9.75	9.75
Rice	"	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.50	12.50	12.50	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	12.60	12.60	12.60
Sago	"	12.20	12.55	12.55	13.80	13.50	13.50	14.25	14.50	14.25	14.50	14.50	14.50	13.70	13.90	13.90
Jam, plum	1½ lb.	29.50	29.75	29.80	29.79	29.93	29.93	28.90	28.90	28.90	30.70	30.70	30.60	30.63	30.63	30.60
Golden syrup	2 lb.	18.45	18.45	18.45	20.50	20.50	20.50	22.00	22.00	22.00	21.50	21.50	21.50	20.50	20.50	20.50
Oats, flaked	lb.	8.56	9.00	9.00	9.75	10.75	10.75	10.16	10.68	10.68	9.83	11.50	11.50	9.31	9.63	10.38
Raisins, seeded	"	31.75	31.70	31.80	30.50	30.50	30.50	31.50	31.50	31.50	33.10	33.10	33.10	32.00	32.00	32.13
Currants	"	24.67	24.67	24.67	23.83	23.83	23.83	22.63	22.63	22.75	25.75	25.75	25.75	24.13	24.13	24.13
Apricots, dried	"	64.00	64.00	60.44	59.88	57.63	57.63	55.40	55.40	55.40	63.25	63.25	62.50	62.63	61.13	61.13
Peaches, canned	30 oz.	38.65	38.65	38.65	39.21	38.36	38.36	39.10	39.10	39.10	39.10	38.80	38.80	39.90	39.90	39.90
Pears, canned	"	41.60	41.60	41.60	41.71	41.50	41.29	40.10	40.10	40.10	42.40	42.40	42.40	42.60	42.60	42.60
Potatoes	7 lb.	30.62	38.50	44.33	33.25	38.92	43.75	40.60	40.60	42.00	34.20	39.20	39.20	35.00	39.40	42.00
Onions, brown	lb.	8.33	7.80	7.90	8.40	8.50	8.83	8.00	8.00	8.00	9.33	9.50	9.50	9.00	10.00	9.00
Soap	"	18.33	18.33	18.33	18.21	18.21	18.21	19.80	19.80	29.80	19.67	19.67	19.67	19.40	19.40	19.40
Kerosene	quart	8.13	8.15	8.15	8.10	8.10	8.10	9.78	9.78	9.78	9.48	9.48	9.48	9.80	9.80	9.80
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory	lb.	49.50	49.30	49.30	49.50	49.50	49.50	52.50	52.50	52.50	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00
Cheese, mild	"	33.56	33.56	33.56	33.63	33.63	33.63	36.00	36.00	36.00	35.00	35.00	35.00	34.50	34.50	34.50
Eggs, new laid	doz.	63.00	66.00	66.00	63.00	66.00	66.00	50.80	62.90	67.60	64.00	66.60	66.60	62.40	66.00	66.00
Bacon, rashers	lb.	66.61	66.94	68.11	65.60	65.60	65.60	70.67	70.67	70.67	68.90	68.90	68.60	66.63	66.63	66.63
Milk, condensed	tin	23.50	23.50	23.50	23.50	23.50	23.50	25.40	25.40	25.40	24.50	24.50	24.50	24.50	24.60	24.60
" fresh	quart	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	21.50	21.50	21.50	21.50	21.50	21.50
Meat—		Quarterly Average Price.(a)			Quarterly Average Price.(a)			Quarterly Average Price.(a)			Quarterly Average Price.(a)			Quarterly Average Price.(a)		
Beef, sirloin	lb.	45.17			47.35			44.00			45.20			46.25		
" rib	"	28.53			29.39			26.79			29.38			30.29		
" steak, rump	"	58.16			60.07			57.00			59.00			58.50		
" " chuck	"	30.83			30.79			34.18			31.20			32.00		
" sausages	"	20.01			22.29			21.86			21.67			22.00		
Beef (corned) silver-side	"	37.09			39.64			39.09			37.20			38.25		
" " brisket	"	26.54			29.67			31.81			29.40			30.75		
Mutton, leg	"	21.61			23.98			28.57			25.66			27.00		
" forequarter	"	14.30			16.31			18.57			17.22			17.25		
" loin	"	24.04			24.52			33.43			27.00			29.25		
" chops, loin	"	24.17			25.09			35.86			27.00			30.00		
" " leg	"	25.00			25.38			34.71			27.00			30.00		
Pork, leg	"	50.61			55.28			57.43			52.70			46.17		
" loin	"	51.27			54.57			57.43			52.70			48.00		
" chops	"	51.53			54.72			59.14			52.70			48.00		

(a In some cases the averages shown are price relatives.

VICTORIA—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES(a) RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED: QUARTER ENDED 31st MARCH, 1955.

Item.	Unit.	Melbourne.			Ballarat.			Bendigo.			Geelong.			Warrnambool.		
		Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
Groceries, &c.—		*d.*	*d.*	*d.*	*d.*	*d.*	*d.*	*d.*	*d.*	*d.*	*d.*	*d.*	*d.*	*d.*	*d.*	*d.*
Bread	2 lb.	14.00	14.00	14.50	14.50	14.50	15.00	14.50	14.50	15.00	14.50	14.50	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.50
Flour, ordinary	"	11.15	11.15	11.15	11.20	11.20	11.20	11.42	11.42	11.42	11.25	11.25	11.25	11.40	11.40	11.40
" self-raising	"	17.50	17.50	17.50	18.50	18.50	18.50	18.75	18.75	18.75	18.00	18.00	18.00	19.40	19.40	19.40
Tea	lb.	89.00	89.00	89.00	89.60	89.60	89.60	89.75	89.75	89.75	88.63	88.63	88.63	90.20	90.20	90.20
Sugar	"	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.38	9.48	9.48	9.64	9.64	9.64	9.25	9.25	9.25	9.67	9.67	9.67
Rice	"	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.60	12.60	12.60	12.75	12.75	12.75	12.00	12.00	12.00	13.60	13.60	13.70
Sago	"	13.17	13.17	13.17	13.00	13.00	12.80	13.70	13.70	13.70	12.50	12.13	12.13	12.90	13.00	13.00
Jam, plum	1½ lb.	27.50	27.50	27.50	27.20	27.20	27.20	26.17	26.17	26.17	27.63	27.50	27.50	28.90	28.90	28.90
Golden syrup	2 lb.	19.05	19.10	19.10	19.90	20.10	20.10	21.00	21.00	21.33	19.50	19.50	19.50	21.70	21.70	21.80
Oats, flaked	lb.	9.40	9.40	9.25	9.75	9.75	10.00	9.70	9.70	10.13	9.25	9.25	9.25	10.00	10.17	10.33
Raisins, seeded	"	29.50	29.39	29.39	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.13	30.13	30.13	29.13	29.13	29.50	30.60	30.50	30.90
Currants	"	22.43	22.43	22.44	23.00	23.00	23.00	22.70	22.70	22.70	23.00	23.00	23.50	24.25	24.63	24.88
Apricots, dried	"	61.70	60.00	60.67	58.33	58.33	56.33	59.50	59.50	59.50	59.33	59.33	59.33	58.25	58.25	58.25
Peaches, canned	30 oz.	33.50	33.50	33.40	33.90	33.90	33.90	34.25	34.25	34.25	33.00	33.00	33.00	36.75	36.90	36.90
Pears, canned	"	35.55	35.55	35.55	35.20	35.20	35.20	36.75	36.75	36.75	34.50	34.50	34.50	39.10	39.10	39.10
Potatoes	7 lb.	21.58	27.93	31.43	21.70	24.60	29.70	27.17	28.50	33.58	18.25	21.88	27.75	18.56	22.40	26.60
Onions, brown	lb.	8.60	7.70	7.70	7.38	6.90	7.10	7.67	7.17	7.17	6.88	5.13	5.13	7.67	6.50	6.00
Soap	"	17.97	17.97	18.10	18.44	18.45	18.45	18.88	18.88	18.71	17.97	17.97	17.97	19.12	19.12	19.12
Kerosene	quart	8.27	8.26	8.26	8.98	8.98	8.98	8.98	8.98	8.98	8.57	8.53	8.53	9.18	9.53	9.55
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory	lb.	49.30	49.30	49.30	49.50	49.50	49.50	48.08	48.08	48.08	49.50	49.50	49.50	49.50	49.50	49.50
Cheese, mild	"	33.00	33.00	33.00	33.33	33.33	33.33	33.83	33.83	33.83	32.88	32.88	32.88	34.00	34.00	34.00
Eggs, new laid	doz.	60.90	64.00	67.80	61.00	63.80	67.80	61.00	64.00	68.00	61.00	64.00	68.00	61.00	64.00	67.80
Bacon, rashers	lb.	63.71	63.71	63.71	64.00	64.00	64.00	64.00	64.00	64.40	64.75	64.75	64.75	65.40	65.40	66.20
Milk, condensed	tin	22.40	22.40	22.50	23.70	23.70	23.70	23.08	23.08	23.17	22.25	22.25	22.25	23.70	23.70	23.60
" fresh	quart	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.20	17.20	17.20	16.80	16.80	16.80
Meat—		Quarterly Average Price.(a)			Quarterly Average Price.(a)			Quarterly Average Price.(a)			Quarterly Average Price.(a)			Quarterly Average Price.(a)		
Beef, sirloin	lb.		38.83			37.67			37.00			36.93			39.00	
" rib	"		33.97			32.58			32.26			32.40			34.20	
" steak, rump	"		51.30			49.34			48.76			50.20			49.80	
" " chuck	"		32.77			34.00			32.76			32.53			33.60	
" sausages	"		19.56			20.50			20.57			19.93			21.40	
Beef (corned) silver-side	"		38.08			37.58			37.43			38.13			39.00	
" " brisket	"		28.00			30.56			30.86			30.47			30.00	
Mutton, leg	"		24.43			24.39			22.73			25.27			29.25	
" forequarter	"		15.29			15.22			15.13			15.00			18.92	
" loin	"		22.24			22.11			20.67			23.73			27.75	
" chops, loin	"		23.43			24.11			22.40			25.20			30.75	
" " leg	"		26.57			25.00			22.27			25.33			30.75	
Pork, leg	"		47.18			48.67			47.80			49.20			48.00	
" loin	"		48.67			49.67			49.20			48.33			48.00	
" chops	"		50.00			50.50			49.80			48.80			52.00	

(a) In some cases the averages shown are price relatives.

QUEENSLAND—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES(a) RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED : QUARTER ENDED 31st MARCH, 1955.

Item.	Unit.	Brisbane.			Toowoomba.			Rockhampton.			Townsville.			Bundaberg.		
		Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
Groceries, &c.—		d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Bread	2 lb.	13.00	13.50	13.50	13.50	13.50	13.50	14.00	14.50	14.50	14.50	15.00	15.00	14.00	14.00	14.00
Flour, ordinary	"	9.00	9.20	9.35	9.21	9.21	9.36	11.07	11.07	11.07	11.10	11.70	11.70	10.10	10.00	10.00
" self-raising	"	17.10	17.70	17.70	18.71	19.29	19.36	20.14	20.14	20.57	20.40	20.70	20.70	19.70	20.30	20.30
Tea	lb.	86.70	86.70	86.70	86.86	86.79	86.79	87.43	87.43	87.43	88.90	88.90	88.90	88.20	88.20	88.20
Sugar	"	8.95	8.95	8.95	9.39	9.39	9.39	9.36	9.36	9.29	10.50	10.50	10.50	8.95	8.95	8.95
Rice	"	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.50	12.50	12.50	13.21	13.21	13.00	13.30	13.30	13.30	13.00	13.00	13.00
Sago	"	13.75	13.50	13.25	12.42	12.75	12.75	15.14	15.14	15.14	15.70	15.70	15.70	15.20	14.90	14.90
Jam, plum	1½ lb.	27.60	27.30	27.25	28.71	28.71	28.71	30.64	30.64	30.64	30.30	30.30	30.30	29.20	29.20	29.20
Golden syrup	2 lb.	17.35	17.35	17.35	18.93	18.93	18.93	20.71	20.57	20.57	22.20	22.40	22.20	18.00	18.00	18.00
Oats, flaked	lb.	10.00	10.17	10.00	11.50	11.50	11.50	12.00	12.00	12.00	10.25	10.25	10.25	10.75	10.75	10.75
Raisins, seeded	"	26.00	25.95	26.10	27.92	27.92	27.67	27.21	27.29	27.29	28.50	28.50	28.50	29.40	29.50	29.10
Currants	"	21.75	21.75	21.75	22.00	22.00	22.00	23.80	23.50	23.50	23.00	23.00	23.10	22.50	24.17	24.17
Apricots, dried	"	55.17	54.29	54.80	52.67	52.67	52.67	53.00	54.00	54.00	51.60	54.60	52.50	55.10	54.75	54.75
Peaches, canned	30 oz.	36.65	36.40	36.40	36.86	36.86	36.86	37.71	37.58	37.36	37.40	37.40	37.30	37.80	38.30	38.30
Pears, canned	"	38.15	38.05	38.15	39.21	39.21	39.21	39.00	39.00	39.14	38.30	38.30	38.30	39.80	40.00	40.10
Potatoes	7 lb.	33.95	46.90	52.60	27.86	34.86	43.00	34.00	50.29	52.79	41.00	55.60	47.00	34.30	45.70	50.25
Onions, brown	lb.	7.20	6.90	8.00	7.14	7.43	8.57	8.29	8.21	8.36	9.20	9.00	8.20	8.80	8.40	8.60
Soap	"	18.13	18.13	18.13	18.19	18.19	18.19	18.09	18.09	18.09	18.20	18.20	18.20	18.06	18.06	18.06
Kerosene	quart	8.34	8.34	8.34	9.19	9.19	9.19	10.84	10.52	10.52	9.27	9.27	9.27	10.53	10.60	10.60
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory	lb.	49.10	49.10	49.10	48.07	48.07	48.07	48.43	48.43	48.43	51.40	51.40	51.40	48.70	48.70	48.70
Cheese, mild	"	31.90	32.00	32.00	32.14	32.14	32.14	34.86	35.29	34.93	35.60	36.40	35.60	33.70	33.70	33.70
Eggs, new laid	doz.	57.90	60.40	60.40	44.17	53.17	55.67	61.00	63.67	66.67	66.00	69.00	70.00	56.00	59.20	59.80
Bacon, rashers	lb.	56.90	55.65	55.70	53.64	52.79	52.79	56.21	54.93	55.07	55.50	53.50	53.50	55.90	54.30	53.70
Milk, condensed	tin	23.35	23.30	23.30	23.79	23.79	23.79	24.00	23.43	24.00	23.90	24.10	24.10	24.00	24.00	24.00
" fresh	quart	15.10	15.10	15.10	15.57	15.57	15.57	15.00	15.00	15.00	17.60	17.60	17.60	15.00	15.00	15.00
Meat—		Quarterly Average Price.(a)			Quarterly Average Price.(a)			Quarterly Average Price.(a)			Quarterly Average Price.(a)			Quarterly Average Price.(a)		
Beef, sirloin	lb.		34.12			37.30			34.00			34.00			36.00	
" rib	"		24.60			27.77			24.91			25.87			27.00	
" steak, rump	"		40.57			42.57			37.41			38.00			41.00	
" " chuck	"		22.83			26.20			24.41			24.00			26.00	
" sausages	"		18.87			19.67			17.19			18.87			19.00	
Beef (corned) silverside	"		30.38			33.93			31.00			29.00			31.47	
" " brisket	"		24.52			28.53			28.41			27.00			29.00	
Mutton, leg	"		19.98			24.44			21.00			22.40			22.53	
" forequarter	"		14.79			17.23			17.32			18.88			19.00	
" loin	"		18.28			20.54			20.48			21.94			21.60	
" chops, loin	"		20.98			22.77			22.00			23.33			23.20	
" " leg	"		19.98			21.91			21.29			22.40			22.40	
Pork, leg	"		43.10			39.28			40.10			50.93			39.20	
" loin	"		41.03			39.14			40.10			48.67			36.80	
" chops	"		41.03			39.14			40.10			47.33			38.60	

(a) In some cases the averages shown are price relatives.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES(a) RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED: QUARTER ENDED 31st MARCH, 1955.

Item.	Unit.	Adelaide.			Kadina.			Port Pirie.			Mount Gambier.			Peterborough.		
		Jan.	Feb.	March.	Jan.	Feb.	March.	Jan.	Feb.	March.	Jan.	Feb.	March.	Jan.	Feb.	March.
Groceries, &c.—		*d.*	*d.*	*d.*	*d.*	*d.*	*d.*	*d.*	*d.*	*d.*	*d.*	*d.*	*d.*	*d.*	*d.*	*d.*
Bread	2 lb.	13.00	13.00	13.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	14.50	14.50	14.50	14.50	14.50	14.50	14.50	14.50	14.50
Flour, ordinary	"	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.14	10.14	10.14	10.64	10.93	10.86	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.75	10.75	10.75
" self-raising	"	16.45	16.45	16.45	18.14	18.14	18.14	18.50	18.50	18.50	17.10	17.10	17.10	18.75	18.75	18.75
Tea	lb.	89.00	89.00	89.00	89.57	89.57	89.57	89.93	89.93	89.93	90.40	90.40	90.40	90.00	90.00	90.00
Sugar	"	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.43	9.43	9.46	9.50	9.50	9.50	10.00	10.00	10.00	9.50	9.50	9.50
Rice	"	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.71	12.71	12.71	12.93	12.93	12.93	13.40	13.40	13.40	13.00	13.00	13.00
Sago	"	13.25	13.25	13.25	14.64	14.71	14.21	15.07	15.07	14.71	16.80	16.80	16.80	14.75	14.75	14.63
Jam, plum	1½ lb.	27.25	27.25	27.25	28.07	28.07	28.07	28.57	28.57	28.57	29.20	29.20	29.20	28.50	28.50	28.50
Golden syrup	2 lb.	18.50	18.50	18.50	19.86	19.86	19.86	19.86	19.86	19.86	20.50	20.50	20.50	20.50	20.50	20.50
Oats, flaked	lb.	9.25	9.25	10.33	9.68	9.68	10.81	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.10	10.10	11.28	10.57	10.57	11.80
Raisins, seeded	"	28.50	28.50	28.50	29.36	29.36	29.36	29.79	29.86	29.86	30.60	29.80	29.80	29.75	29.75	29.75
Currants	"	22.95	22.95	22.95	23.64	23.64	23.64	24.00	24.00	24.00	24.13	24.13	24.13	24.13	24.13	24.13
Apricots, dried	"	58.10	58.10	57.45	58.29	58.29	58.80	58.40	58.40	58.40	59.38	59.38	59.38	57.75	57.75	57.75
Peaches, canned	30 oz.	36.75	36.75	36.75	38.29	38.14	38.29	38.00	38.07	38.07	37.90	37.90	37.90	38.88	38.88	38.88
Pears, canned	"	37.45	37.45	37.45	38.86	38.86	38.86	38.64	38.64	38.64	38.70	38.70	38.70	39.00	39.00	39.00
Potatoes	7 lb.	28.88	28.44	28.44	37.50	37.50	37.50	33.71	33.29	33.29	24.50	29.17	27.13	33.38	33.38	31.25
Onions, brown	lb.	7.30	7.30	7.30	9.00	9.00	8.50	8.50	8.10	8.64	10.00	6.00	5.50	7.17	7.17	7.17
Soap	"	18.33	18.33	18.33	19.09	19.09	19.09	18.47	18.47	18.47	18.80	18.80	18.80	19.25	19.25	19.25
Kerosene	quart	7.78	7.78	7.78	8.32	8.30	8.30	8.88	8.88	8.88	8.79	8.79	8.79	8.78	8.78	8.78
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory	lb.	49.50	49.50	49.50	50.29	50.29	50.29	50.50	50.50	50.50	49.50	49.50	49.50	49.50	49.50	49.50
Cheese, mild	"	32.50	32.50	32.50	33.57	33.57	33.57	33.50	33.50	33.50	32.25	32.25	32.25	33.63	33.63	33.63
Eggs, new laid	doz.	46.65	59.70	63.65	32.60	43.75	53.25	32.50	44.75	52.25	35.20	43.75	51.50	32.33	43.33	50.33
Bacon, rashers	lb.	65.40	65.40	65.35	67.50	67.50	67.50	67.58	67.58	67.58	68.30	67.90	67.10	67.50	67.50	67.50
Milk, condensed	tin	23.35	23.35	23.35	24.14	24.14	24.14	24.07	24.07	24.07	24.20	24.20	24.20	24.38	24.38	24.38
" fresh	quart	15.50	15.50	16.50	17.00	17.00	17.60	16.50	16.50	17.30	15.00	15.00	15.00	16.50	16.50	17.17
Meat—		Quarterly Average Price.(a)			Quarterly Average Price.(a)			Quarterly Average Price.(a)			Quarterly Average Price.(a)			Quarterly Average Price.(a)		
Beef, sirloin	lb.	31.87			30.86			32.34			32.20			32.00		
" rib	"	30.20			28.14			30.45			31.20			28.00		
" steak, rump	"	49.97			48.76			50.52			49.60			50.50		
" " chuck	"	30.07			30.14			31.66			29.00			30.83		
" sausages	"	17.96			17.86			18.71			18.00			19.00		
Beef (corned) silver-side	"	35.73			34.86			36.38			35.40			36.00		
" " brisket	"	29.53			29.33			30.38			28.60			30.00		
Mutton, leg	"	22.63			21.86			23.00			23.00			21.83		
" forequarter	"	11.87			11.81			12.86			12.20			11.17		
" loin	"	21.97			21.52			22.91			23.40			21.83		
" chops, loin	"	22.67			22.00			24.48			24.00			22.67		
" " leg	"	23.37			22.00			24.48			24.00			23.00		
Pork, leg	"	49.17			39.72			44.38			44.00			42.00		
" loin	"	49.30			39.72			43.40			44.00			39.00		
" chops	"	49.97			40.57			47.69			46.75			42.00		

(a) In some cases the averages shown are price relatives.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES(a) RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED : QUARTER ENDED 31st MARCH, 1955.

Item.	Unit	Perth			Kalgoorlie.			Northam.			Bunbury.			Geraldton.		
		Jan.	Feb.	March.	Jan.	Feb.	March.	Jan.	Feb.	March.	Jan.	Feb.	March.	Jan.	Feb.	March.
Groceries, &c.—		d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Bread ..	2 lb.	14.00	14.00	14.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	14.50	14.50	14.50	14.50	14.50	14.50	15.00	15.00	15.00
Flour, ordinary ..	,,	11.90	13.10	13.10	14.00	14.00	14.67	12.25	12.50	13.50	13.00	13.80	13.80	12.00	13.20	14.00
,, self-raising	,,	19.20	19.20	19.20	22.00	22.00	22.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	20.30	20.30	20.50	21.90	21.90	21.90
Tea	lb.	92.85	92.85	92.85	95.00	95.00	95.00	93.88	93.88	93.88	94.00	94.00	94.00	94.90	94.90	94.90
Sugar	,,	9.00	9.00	9.00	10.08	10.08	10.08	9.54	9.54	9.54	9.78	9.78	9.78	9.95	9.95	9.95
Rice	,,	11.85	11.75	11.70	14.00	14.00	14.00	12.50	12.50	12.50	13.13	13.13	13.13	13.40	13.40	13.40
Sago	,,	15.00	15.00	15.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	15.88	15.88	15.88	16.63	16.63	16.63
Jam, plum ..	1½ lb.	31.85	31.85	31.70	34.83	34.83	35.08	33.13	33.38	33.88	33.70	33.70	33.90	34.80	34.90	34.90
Golden syrup ..	2 lb.	19.85	19.85	19.85	23.42	23.42	23.42	21.63	21.63	21.63	21.80	21.80	21.80	22.90	22.90	22.90
Oats, flaked ..	lb.	9.29	9.43	10.07	13.00	13.00	13.00	10.75	10.75	10.75	11.17	11.17	11.17	13.00	13.00	13.00
Raisins, seeded ..	,,	30.33	30.17	30.33	33.40	33.50	33.33	32.25	32.75	33.00	34.50	34.50	34.50	32.75	32.75	32.75
Currants	,,	24.11	24.20	24.20	26.42	26.33	26.33	24.50	24.50	24.25	25.30	25.30	25.30	26.60	26.60	26.50
Apricots, dried ..	,,	63.33	63.33	63.33	62.33	62.33	62.33	61.83	61.83	61.83	62.50	62.50	62.50	68.00	68.00	67.17
Peaches, canned ..	30 oz.	39.65	39.60	39.20	45.33	45.33	45.33	43.13	43.13	43.13	43.38	43.38	43.38	45.00	45.00	44.50
Pears, canned ..	,,	40.80	40.80	40.40	46.92	46.92	47.08	43.63	44.00	44.00	44.25	44.75	44.75	46.10	45.80	45.70
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	27.75	27.75	27.75	28.92	28.92	29.08	30.75	30.75	30.75	27.60	27.80	28.00	30.00	30.00	30.00
Onions, brown ..	lb.	7.69	7.75	7.75	8.00	8.00	7.92	9.50	9.50	8.50	8.75	8.67	8.50	7.90	7.90	7.90
Soap	,,	19.30	19.30	19.30	20.84	20.84	20.73	20.25	20.25	20.25	19.80	19.80	19.80	19.67	19.67	19.67
Kerosene ..	quart	13.03	13.03	13.03	16.41	15.69	15.71	14.92	14.92	14.92	14.77	14.77	14.77	15.89	15.89	15.89
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory ..	lb.	49.10	48.50	48.50	52.00	52.00	52.00	51.00	51.00	51.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	52.00	52.00	52.00
Cheese, mild ..	,,	38.13	38.70	38.33	40.63	41.20	40.83	39.63	40.20	39.83	40.13	40.70	40.33	39.63	40.20	39.83
Eggs, new laid ..	doz.	57.20	61.40	65.70	56.33	61.17	66.67	58.00	61.25	64.25	57.80	62.00	64.80	58.00	61.60	65.40
Bacon, rashers ..	lb.	65.88	65.88	65.88	68.42	68.42	68.42	66.67	66.67	66.67	67.38	67.38	67.38	68.50	68.50	68.50
Milk, condensed ..	tin	23.10	23.10	23.10	25.50	25.50	25.50	24.13	24.13	24.13	24.40	24.40	24.40	25.50	25.50	25.50
,, fresh ..	quart	17.00	17.00	17.00	22.25	22.25	22.25	18.00	18.00	18.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	20.00	20.00	20.00
Meat—		Quarterly Average Price.(a)			Quarterly Average Price.(a)			Quarterly Average Price.(a)			Quarterly Average Price.(a)			Quarterly Average Price.(a)		
Beef, sirloin ..	lb.	38.52			36.29			38.00			38.40			37.00		
,, rib ..	,,	33.10			31.77			30.19			30.80			31.92		
,, steak, rump	,,	53.97			51.33			54.00			51.00			48.00		
,, ,, chuck	,,	35.17			33.86			34.56			36.00			35.11		
,, sausages ..	,,	22.13			24.00			24.00			25.00			22.00		
Beef (corned) silver-side	,,	38.33			36.29			38.67			37.60			37.00		
,, ,, brisket	,,	30.13			30.00			31.78			31.60			33.00		
Mutton, leg ..	,,	28.33			29.57			29.67			31.60			27.67		
,, forequarter	,,	17.60			19.43			19.00			18.00			16.00		
,, loin ..	,,	27.87			27.43			27.00			27.20			22.00		
,, chops, loin	,,	27.87			27.86			27.33			28.00			22.00		
,, ,, leg	,,	27.87			29.57			28.33			28.00			25.67		
Pork, leg ..	,,	48.90			48.43			42.00			43.80			48.00		
,, loin ..	,,	48.77			45.86			40.00			41.40			48.00		
,, chops ..	,,	48.77			45.86			41.00			42.00			48.00		

(a) In some cases the averages shown are price relatives.

TASMANIA—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES(a) RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED: QUARTER ENDED 31st MARCH, 1955.

Item.	Unit.	Hobart.			Launceston.			Burnie.			Devonport.			Queenstown.		
		Jan.	Feb.	March.	Jan.	Feb.	March.	Jan.	Feb.	March.	Jan.	Feb.	March.	Jan.	Feb.	March.
Groceries, &c.—		*d.*	*d.*	*d.*	*d.*	*d.*	*d.*	*d.*	*d.*	*d.*	*d.*	*d.*	*d.*	*d.*	*d.*	*d.*
Bread	2 lb.	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.50	14.50	14.50	14.50	14.50	14.50	14.50	14.50	14.50
Flour, ordinary	"	10.60	10.60	10.60	10.42	10.42	10.42	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.33	11.33	11.33
" self-raising	"	19.10	19.10	19.10	19.08	19.08	19.08	19.80	19.90	20.00	19.40	19.40	19.40	20.67	20.67	20.67
Tea	lb.	91.00	91.00	91.00	91.00	91.00	91.00	91.00	91.00	91.00	91.10	91.10	91.10	91.50	91.50	91.50
Sugar	"	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.05	9.05	9.05	9.25	9.25	9.25
Rice	"	12.00	12.00	12.00	11.83	11.83	11.83	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.17	12.17	12.17
Sago	"	15.90	16.65	14.30	15.88	15.75	15.00	16.90	16.00	15.50	16.80	16.70	15.00	17.67	17.67	17.67
Jam, plum	1½ lb.	28.25	28.25	28.25	27.67	27.67	27.67	28.70	28.70	28.70	29.30	29.30	29.20	30.33	30.33	30.33
Golden syrup	2 lb.	20.15	20.15	20.10	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.20	20.20	20.20	21.50	21.50	21.50
Oats, flaked	lb.	10.10	9.50	9.50	9.50	9.50	9.50	10.25	10.25	10.25	9.83	9.83	9.83	10.41	10.41	10.41
Raisins, seeded	"	31.50	30.95	31.00	30.80	30.25	30.17	32.20	32.20	31.00	31.63	31.75	31.75	33.50	32.50	32.50
Currants	"	25.58	25.50	25.50	24.60	24.60	24.60	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.75	25.75	25.75	25.50	25.50	25.50
Apricots, dried	"	58.90	58.90	58.80	57.50	57.50	57.50	60.00	60.00	60.00	59.67	59.67	59.67	59.00	59.00	59.00
Peaches, canned	30 oz.	38.65	38.65	38.75	37.75	37.75	37.75	38.90	38.90	38.70	38.30	38.50	38.50	40.83	40.83	40.83
Pears, canned	"	42.10	42.10	42.10	40.25	40.67	40.17	42.90	42.90	42.90	42.00	42.00	42.00	47.00	47.00	47.00
Potatoes	7 lb.	48.13	43.00	37.50	25.92	25.33	26.75	26.60	28.00	30.10	25.20	23.80	30.40	35.00	33.33	29.17
Onions, brown	lb.	12.43	9.75	9.75	10.75	9.25	8.50	12.20	10.80	9.40	12.00	12.00	8.38	12.00	9.00	7.00
Soap	"	18.33	18.33	18.26	18.33	18.33	18.33	18.33	18.33	18.33	18.40	18.40	18.40	18.67	18.67	18.67
Kerosene	quart	13.55	13.04	13.16	11.39	11.39	11.39	14.07	14.07	14.10	13.89	13.89	13.89	12.32	12.32	12.32
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory	lb.	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00
Cheese, mild	"	32.91	33.32	33.72	33.68	33.50	33.50	34.08	34.74	35.33	34.40	34.40	34.95	33.94	33.94	36.59
Eggs, new laid	doz.	66.50	66.50	71.50	66.25	66.25	71.50	66.50	66.50	71.50	56.38	56.38	71.38	68.25	68.25	73.25
Bacon, rashers	lb.	67.80	64.70	65.10	68.00	64.33	64.33	68.40	60.80	60.80	68.25	63.75	64.80	69.25	64.50	64.50
Milk, condensed	tin	23.50	23.50	23.50	23.50	23.50	23.50	23.50	23.50	23.50	23.60	23.60	23.60	24.00	24.00	24.00
" fresh	quart	16.00	19.00	19.00	16.00	19.00	19.00	15.50	18.50	18.50	15.50	18.50	18.50	21.00	24.00	24.00
Meat—		Quarterly Average Price.(a)			Quarterly Average Price.(a)			Quarterly Average Price.(a)			Quarterly Average Price.(a)			Quarterly Average Price.(a)		
Beef, sirloin	lb.	39.81			39.19			39.50			38.40			40.33		
" rib	"	33.27			33.07			33.15			32.73			34.57		
" steak, rump	"	55.96			54.24			54.00			52.40			55.00		
" " chuck	"	35.07			34.86			34.75			34.00			36.00		
" sausages	"	23.15			21.80			22.50			21.80			23.67		
Beef (corned) silver-side	"	40.04			39.14			39.25			38.40			41.33		
" " brisket	"	31.01			29.14			31.25			29.80			33.67		
Mutton, leg	"	27.16			27.28			29.00			27.05			28.22		
" forequarter	"	13.70			14.14			16.00			13.63			17.78		
" loin	"	19.62			18.25			20.00			20.67			23.67		
" chops, loin	"	20.26			19.52			20.00			22.27			23.67		
" " leg	"	24.47			22.19			20.00			25.06			23.67		
Pork, leg	"	48.71			45.10			42.00			41.40			47.67		
" loin	"	48.63			45.33			40.50			40.00			47.67		
" chops	"	48.98			46.71			42.00			41.80			47.67		

(a) In some cases the averages shown are price relatives.

WHOLESALE PRICE (BASIC MATERIALS AND FOODSTUFFS) INDEX.

Commodities in this index are priced in their primary or basic form wherever possible. The prices used in this index have in the main been obtained directly from manufacturers and merchants and, with a few important exceptions, from Melbourne sources. Apart from locally produced building materials and one or two minor commodities however, the price movements may be taken as representative of variations in wholesale prices of basic materials in most Australian markets. The weighting system adopted is based on estimates of the average annual consumption of the commodities in Australia during the years 1928–29 to 1934–35 inclusive.

(*Base of each Group :* Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

Period.	Basic Materials.							Foodstuffs and Tobacco.	Basic Materials and Foodstuffs.		
	Metals and Coal.	Oils, Fats and Waxes.	Textiles.	Chemicals.	Rubber and Hides.	Building Materials.	Total.		Goods principally Imported. (*a*)	Goods principally Home Produced.	Total All Groups.
1936–37 ..	96	99	118	99	111	99	99	97	99	98	98
1937–38 ..	101	101	100	100	97	104	102	100	102	100	101
1938–39 ..	103	100	82	101	92	97	99	103	99	102	101
1939–40 ..	105	115	104	107	116	108	109	101	111	103	105
1940–41 ..	107	137	111	124	126	128	122	107	133	106	114
1941–42 ..	117	151	118	137	135	135	133	117	153	112	124
1942–43 ..	129	167	147	142	138	163	149	128	176	121	137
1943–44 ..	131	170	150	143	140	174	153	129	182	122	140
1944–45 ..	131	168	152	143	140	175	152	131	182	123	141
1945–46 ..	130	156	152	142	140	177	149	135	178	126	141
1946–47 ..	132	145	191	140	131	180	149	138	177	129	143
1947–48 ..	146	161	283	148	126	190	166	153	192	145	159
1948–49 ..	185	173	342	159	130	198	188	175	201	173	181
1949–50 ..	214	184	434	187	143	225	214	198	223	198	205
1950–51 ..	256	196	641	242	292	268	264	232	256	242	246
1951–52 ..	343	220	577	314	298	370	321	281	288	305	300
1952–53 ..	392	234	607	350	224	404	350	294	292	331	320
1953–54 ..	388	222	566	323	191	363	332	313	271	343	321
1952–53—											
October ..	390	235	589	349	233	418	352	283	295	322	314
November ..	390	237	589	349	223	420	352	280	296	321	313
December ..	390	237	609	349	227	420	353	292	297	329	320
January ..	389	236	608	350	223	420	353	290	297	328	318
February ..	391	235	611	355	212	391	348	290	289	328	316
March ..	393	235	640	355	212	391	350	289	290	328	317
April ..	392	235	643	348	203	391	349	299	288	336	322
May ..	391	233	661	349	203	364	344	301	279	338	321
June ..	392	233	621	348	199	364	342	305	283	338	322
1953–54—											
July ..	391	225	583	329	198	365	336	315	275	346	325
August ..	389	226	581	329	198	365	335	336	275	360	335
September	389	226	576	329	199	364	335	331	276	357	333
October ..	389	226	576	327	198	364	334	325	273	353	329
November ..	388	223	574	327	197	365	333	311	270	342	321
December ..	388	223	561	327	192	365	332	304	269	337	317
January ..	384	223	564	327	190	365	331	305	271	336	317
February ..	384	221	546	317	187	365	328	306	269	336	316
March ..	389	222	545	317	183	365	330	304	269	335	316
April ..	390	217	553	316	186	359	328	306	266	337	316
May ..	390	217	563	316	184	359	329	306	266	338	316
June ..	384	218	569	316	182	358	327	308	267	337	316
1954–55—											
July ..	384	217	569	313	183	358	327	308	266	337	316
August ..	384	216	529	313	205	358	325	308	267	336	316
September	385	216	527	313	232	365	327	308	271	336	317
October ..	385	211	505	313	240	365	325	303	269	332	313
November ..	393	211	491	314	240	365	327	305	277	331	315
December ..	393	212	507	315	225	365	328	307	277	333	317
January ..	396	215	501	315	237	365	330	(*b*) 305	(*b*) 279	(*b*) 332	(*b*) 316
February ..	399	215	505	315	257	373	333	(*b*) 313	(*b*) 281	(*b*) 340	(*b*) 322
March ..	400	214	507	315	264	381	336	(*b*) 319	(*b*) 282	(*b*) 345	(*b*) 326

(*a*) Represents only such imported commodities as are included in the Wholesale Price Index. This index does not measure changes in price of imports generally. (*b*) Preliminary.

FARM PRODUCTION PRICE INDEXES.

The annual indexes shown in the following table relate to average " prices " of farm products realized in the principal markets of Australia. The " price " data used are average unit values for the total quantities of the relevant commodities produced or marketed in each year and the indexes therefore measure both the effects of changes in prices (as such) and of variations in the quality, type, useage, &c., of products marketed. The indexes for any year relate to the average values of farm products produced or marketed in that year, irrespective of the periods in which payment is received by producers.

The indexes shown below are the Revised Series (December, 1952) in which average quantities of each product marketed in the period 1946–47 to 1950–51 have been used as fixed weights.

The preliminary indexes for 1953–54 and 1954–55 are based mainly on the recorded or estimated movement in average values for the major farm products. They will be reviewed from time to time as further " price " data becomes available.

(Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

Year.	Agri-culture.	Pastoral.	Farmyard and Dairying.	All Farming.	Wool (Shorn and Dead).	Products other than Wool.
1936–37	114	115	93	109	126	104
1937–38	98	98	102	99	95	100
1938–39	88	87	105	92	79	96
1945–46	174	133	159	157	118	169
1946–47	194	182	157	185	187	185
1947–48	267	263	183	247	301	230
1948–49	234	313	197	260	366	225
1949–50	272	396	228	316	483	261
1950–51	291	818	258	505	1,098	308
1951–52	355	501	332	410	552	363
1952–53	364	531	387	440	623	379
1953–54(*a*)	323	534	395	428	621	364
1954–55(*a*)	325	495	371	406	540	362

(*a*) Preliminary estimate.

EXPORT PRICE INDEX NUMBERS.

These index numbers are compiled from the prices of 20 commodities which normally constitute about 80 per cent. of all exports. For some metals and for wheat (from July, 1945 to September, 1951), the index of prices is deduced from average value of current sales or shipments and hence shows some irregularity. From October, 1951, to July, 1953, the prices used for wheat are the estimated average realizations after weighting prices of quota and non-quota wheat. Prices adopted for months since August, 1953, are derived from available information of current sales.

RECENT TRENDS.

Reference to the group indexes shows the great fluctuations and the wide dispersion of prices of export commodities in recent years. Since wool is a predominant export (and comprises 45.63 per cent. of the Base Aggregate of the index) fluctuations in wool prices obscure the movements affecting the other components in the All Groups Index. For purposes of comparison another column (All Groups excluding Wool) has been added to the table to show this movement separately.

SIMPLE AGGREGATIVE INDEX: FIXED WEIGHTS.

In this index the weights are the average annual exports of each commodity (production in the case of gold) during the three years 1933–34 to 1935–36.

(Base of each Section: Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

Period.	Wool.	Wheat.	Butter	Metals. (a)	Meats. (b)	Sugar.	Dried Fruits. (c)	Tallow.	Hides. (d)	Gold. (e)	All Groups. Excluding Gold.	All Groups. Excluding Wool.	Total All Groups.
Percentage Distribution of Base Aggregate (f)	45.63	17.06	11.36	6.83	6.63	2.40	1.81	0.64	0.66	6.98	..	..	100.00
Percentage Distribution of Base Aggregate (g)	49.05	18.34	12.21	7.34	7.13	2.58	1.94	0.69	0.72	..	100.00	..	..
Percentage Distribution of Base Aggregate (h)	..	31.38	20.89	12.55	12.20	4.42	3.32	1.18	1.22	12.84	..	100.00	..
1936–37 ..	122	123	92	120	98	104	103	122	113	99	116	108	115
1937–38 ..	99	111	107	96	106	92	103	100	100	98	102	105	102
1938–39 ..	79	66	101	84	96	104	94	78	87	103	82	87	83
1946–47 ..	173	305	173	308	139	264	152	361	334	122	209	228	203
1947–48 ..	287	420	193	372	146	320	157	436	364	122	296	280	283
1948–49 ..	365	413	233	478	171	343	162	499	421	122	348	305	332
1949–50 ..	473	400	250	421	196	369	176	400	479	164	399	308	383
1950–51 ..	999	432	271	689	209	410	226	356	752	176	690	365	654
1951–52 ..	564	436	291	811	263	464	302	451	486	184	495	397	473
1952–53 ..	616	445	313	504	314	501	297	358	369	186	505	371	483
1953–54 ..	615	411	325	450	338	479	287	321	336	179	496	356	474
1952–53—													
April ..	671	454	313	418	321	501	290	284	344	185	527	363	503
May ..	701	454	313	407	321	501	290	252	352	184	541	361	516
June ..	641	454	313	429	321	500	290	249	326	181	513	363	490
1953–54—													
July ..	(i) 641	454	325	446	331	500	290	244	319	183	516	369	493
August ..	(i) 634	446	325	450	331	500	290	251	321	182	511	367	488
September	626	443	325	438	331	500	290	260	336	182	506	365	484
October ..	634	428	325	450	340	500	290	269	374	181	509	363	486
November	634	414	325	458	340	500	290	301	383	176	508	360	485
December	611	413	325	442	340	500	290	341	377	177	495	358	473
January ..	603	411	325	427	340	461	290	369	377	176	489	354	468
February ..	581	402	325	423	340	461	290	368	353	177	476	350	455
March ..	581	399	325	440	340	461	281	355	327	176	476	351	456
April ..	(i) 596	381	325	467	340	461	281	364	300	176	482	348	461
May ..	618	372	325	474	340	461	281	369	281	178	492	346	470
June ..	622	369	325	484	340	448	281	359	278	178	494	346	472
1954–55—													
July ..	(i) 622	359	313	475	340	448	278	354	264	178	490	338	468
August ..	566	358	313	475	340	448	262	350	254	178	461	338	442
September	566	355	313	498	340	448	261	350	224	178	462	339	442
October ..	536	356	313	524	340	468	260	350	216	178	450	344	431
November	513	358	313	518	340	468	261	350	204	179	439	343	421
December	532	359	313	512	385	468	263	350	197	178	451	348	432
January ..	520	360	313	516	(j) 371	430	266	(j) 350	200	178	(j) 444	(j) 346	(j) 426
February ..	528	356	313	522	(j) 349	430	267	(j) 350	200	178	(j) 446	(j) 343	(j) 427
March ..	528	356	313	523	(j) 329	430	270	(j) 350	212	178	(j) 445	(j) 341	(j) 426

(a) Silver, copper, tin, zinc, lead. (b) Beef, lamb, mutton, pork. (c) Sultanas, lexias, currants. (d) Cattle hides, calf skins. (e) Where Australian gold has been sold on the oversea premium markets such price has been used in the index. (f) For All Groups (Total)—applicable from 1936–37. (g) For All Groups (excluding Gold)—applicable from 1936–37. (h) For All Groups (excluding Wool)—applicable from 1936–37. (i) Nominal. (j) Preliminary.

NOTE.—The index numbers above indicate satisfactorily the trends of export prices, but take no account of the relative quantities actually sold at the different prices ruling during each month. The impact of the price movements on current sales is indicated more directly by the Export Price Index (Changing Weights), published in the *Monthly Review of Business Statistics*. In computing this index, the "quantity-multipliers" are the quantities actually exported in the months (or periods) to which the index numbers relate.

Section XII.—Miscellaneous.

COMPARATIVE INDEX NUMBERS FOR THE SIX CAPITAL CITIES COMBINED.

(Base of each Section : Weighted Average of Six Capitals, 1911 = 1,000.)(a)

Period.	Retail Price Index Numbers.					Nominal Wages, Adult Males.	Real Wages. (c)
	Food and Groceries.	Rent (4 and 5 Roomed Houses). (b)	Clothing.	Miscellaneous.	Total "C" Series Retail Price Index.		
Year—							
1911	1,000	1,000	(d)1,000	(d)1,000	(d)1,000	1,000	1,000
1914	1,144	1,082	1,140	1,140	1,140	1,081	948
1921	1,902	1,410	1,883	1,537	1,680	1,826	1,087
1928	1,761	1,743	1,507	1,537	1,675	1,963	1,172
1932	1,425	1,336	1,215	1,458	1,377	1,639	1,190
1938	1,584	1,540	1,253	1,463	1,488	1,799	1,209
1939	1,657	1,577	1,271	1,465	1,526	1,846	1,210
1945	1,849	1,595	2,155	1,767	1,868	2,339	1,252
1946	1,852	1,596	2,276	1,776	1,900	2,400	1,263
1947	1,967	1,597	2,367	1,825	1,971	2,598	1,318
1948	2,245	1,601	2,637	1,913	2,148	2,914	1,357
1949	2,492	1,605	3,019	2,037	2,349	3,210	1,367
1950	2,800	1,613	3,455	2,184	2,589	3,596	1,389
1951	3,649	1,649	4,156	2,555	3,124	4,495	1,439
1952	4,516	1,728	4,657	2,980	3,645	5,241	1,438
1953	4,723	1,861	4,872	3,126	3,820	5,539	1,450
1954	4,776	1,949	4,865	3,139	3,860	5,632	1,459
Quarter—							
1939.							
March	1,673	1,568	1,258	1,461	1,524	1,826	1,198
June	1,654	1,575	1,264	1,461	1,522	1,847	1,214
September	1,645	1,582	1,264	1,463	1,520	1,854	1,220
December	1,657	1,584	1,297	1,472	1,536	1,858	1,210
1948.							
March	2,128	1,599	2,511	1,874	2,071	2,781	1,343
June	2,197	1,600	2,600	1,900	2,121	2,854	1,346
September	2,278	1,601	2,688	1,935	2,175	2,970	1,366
December	2,378	1,602	2,748	1,944	2,225	3,050	1,371
1949.							
March	2,433	1,603	2,795	1,985	2,263	3,099	1,369
June	2,482	1,604	2,968	2,017	2,328	3,182	1,367
September	2,497	1,606	3,089	2,047	2,370	3,249	1,371
December	2,555	1,608	3,223	2,098	2,433	3,310	1,360
1950.							
March	2,633	1,609	3,259	2,134	2,474	3,372	1,363
June	2,718	1,611	3,418	2,151	2,546	3,458	1,358
September	2,828	1,614	3,501	2,180	2,609	3,545	1,359
December	3,020	1,618	3,643	2,271	2,726	4,009	1,471
1951.							
March	3,201	1,641	3,760	2,381	2,843	4,142	1,457
June	3,443	1,646	4,151	2,498	3,042	4,387	1,442
September	3,819	1,651	4,283	2,611	3,224	4,601	1,427
December	4,133	1,656	4,429	2,731	3,388	4,850	1,432
1952.							
March	4,298	1,672	4,523	2,783	3,481	5,036	1,447
June	4,589	1,702	4,685	2,967	3,661	5,156	1,408
September	4,633	1,750	4,709	3,072	3,714	5,345	1,439
December	4,544	1,789	4,712	3,098	3,722	5,428	1,458
1953.							
March	4,599	1,835	4,838	3,118	3,763	5,443	1,446
June	4,658	1,857	4,906	3,122	3,805	5,512	1,449
September	4,804	1,870	4,880	3,127	3,851	5,591	1,452
December	4,831	1,882	4,863	3,136	3,861	5,611	1,453
1954.							
March	4,798	1,900	4,880	3,151	3,861	5,622	1,456
June	4,774	1,947	4,856	3,137	3,856	5,624	1,459
September	4,746	1,970	4,853	3,133	3,851	5,623	1,460
December	4,787	1,977	4,870	3,136	3,871	5,658	1,462
1955.							
March	4,882	1,983	4,865	3,115	3,898	5,720	1,467

(a) The index numbers given in the separate columns of the table cannot be compared with each other in order to show, for example, the relative cost of housing and food and groceries, since the cost in 1911 *in each group or combination of groups* is made equal to 1,000. (b) *See* note (b) on page 104. (c) Index of nominal weekly wage rates divided by "C" Series Retail Price Index Number. (d) Taken back from true base November, 1914 = 1,000 by means of the Food and Rent (All Houses) Index.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY—AUSTRALIA.

NOTE.—(1) In most cases where figures are available back to 1861, these were shown in the September, 1953 issue of the *Quarterly Summary of Australian Statistics*, pages 112 and 113.

(2) Most of the statistics in this summary relate to the periods shown in the table headings. In those comparatively few cases where the statistics relate to other periods, this is indicated in footnotes.

Item.	Year ended 30th June—							
	1892.	1902.	1912.	1922.	1932.	1942.	1952.	1954.
DEMOGRAPHY(*a*)—								
Population(*b*) '000 Males	1,737	2,005	2,382	2,799	3,333	3,599	4,318	4,503
Population(*b*) '000 Females	1,504	1,820	2,192	2,712	3,220	3,545	4,221	4,400
Population(*b*) '000 Persons	3,241	3,825	4,574	5,511	6,553	7,144	8,539	8,903
Net Oversea Migration '000	26.9	3.0	74.4	17.5	−10.1	5.2	111.4	42.9
Marriages '000	24	28	39	47	39	75	77	71
Marriages Rate(*c*)	7.5	7.3	8.8	8.6	6.0	10.6	9.2	8.0
Divorces(*d*) and Judicial Separations	190	399	522	1,502	1,955	3,330	7,327	8,041
Births '000	110	103	122	136	119	135	193	202
Births Rate(*c*)	34.5	27.2	27.2	25.0	18.2	18.9	22.9	22.9
Deaths '000	47	46	48	54	57	71	82	80
Deaths Rate(*c*)	14.8	12.2	10.7	9.9	8.7	10.0	9.7	9.1
Infant Deaths '000	12.7	10.7	8.4	9.0	5.0	5.3	4.9	4.7
Infant Deaths Rate(*e*)	115.3	103.6	68.5	65.7	42.1	39.7	25.2	23.3
WAGES (ADULT MALES)(*a*)—								
Nominal Weekly Wage Index Numbers	(*f*)	848	1,000	1,826	1,752	1,997	4,495	5,539
Real Wage Index Numbers(*g*)	(*f*)	(*f*)	1,000	1,087	1,210	1,194	1,439	1,450
PRODUCTION—								
Agricultural—								
Wheat Area mill. acs.	3.3	5.1	7.4	9.7	14.7	12.0	10.4	10.8
Wheat Yield mill. bus.	26	39	72	129	191	167	160	198
Wheat Av. Yield bus.	7.7	7.5	9.6	13.3	12.9	13.9	15.4	18.4
Oats Area '000 acs.	246	461	617	733	1,085	1,460	2,365	2,137
Oats Yield mill. bus.	5.7	9.8	9.6	12.1	15.2	22.3	34.5	33.0
Oats Av. Yield bus.	23.3	21.2	15.5	16.6	14.0	15.3	14.6	15.4
Barley Area '000 acs.	68	75	116	299	342	784	1,118	1,803
Barley Yield mill. bus.	1.2	1.5	2.1	6.1	6.3	18.0	21.9	41.3
Barley Av. Yield bus.	17.3	20.4	17.7	20.4	18.4	23.0	19.6	23.0
Maize Area '000 acs.	284	295	340	305	269	301	170	(*h*) 180
Maize Yield mill. bus.	9.3	7.0	8.9	7.8	7.1	7.4	4.0	(*h*) 5.0
Maize Av. Yield bus.	32.6	23.9	26.3	25.7	26.2	24.7	23.7	28.0
Hay Area '000 acs.	942	1,688	2,518	2,995	2,635	2,758	1,549	1,935
Hay Yield '000 tons	1,067	2,025	2,868	3,902	3,167	3,575	2,345	3,049
Hay Av. Yield tons	1.13	1.20	1.14	1.30	1.20	1.30	1.51	1.58
Potatoes Area '000 acs.	113	110	130	149	145	99	118	(*h*) 128
Potatoes Yield '000 tons	380	323	301	388	397	333	509	(*h*) 475
Potatoes Av. Yield tons	3.37	2.94	2.31	2.60	2.74	3.35	4.31	4.27
Sugar-cane Area(*i*) '000 acs.	45	87	101	128	242	255	282	340
Sugar-cane Yield '000 tons	738	1,368	1,682	2,437	4,213	5,154	5,327	9,014
Sugar-cane Av. Yield tons	16.2	15.7	16.7	19.0	17.4	20.3	18.9	26.5
Vineyards Area '000 acs.	49	64	61	92	113	130	136	138
Vineyards Wine mill. gals.	3.4	5.3	5.0	8.5	14.2	16.0	35.3	(*h*) 31.0
Total Area of Crops mill. acs.	5.4	8.4	12.1	15.4	21.2	20.5	19.8	(*h*) 21.1
Pastoral, Dairying, &c.—								
Livestock Horses mill.	1.6	1.6	2.3	2.4	1.8	1.6	0.9	0.8
Livestock Cattle ,,	11.1	8.5	11.8	14.4	12.3	13.6	14.9	15.6
Livestock Sheep ,,	106	72	97	86	111	125	118	127
Livestock Pigs ,,	0.9	0.9	1.1	1.0	1.2	1.5	1.0	1.2
Wool(*j*) mill. lb.	(*a*) 634	(*a*) 539	(*a*) 798	723	1,007	1,167	1,080	1,245
Butter '000 tons	(*a*) 19	(*a*) 46	(*a*) 95	(*a*) 119	175	168	135	160
Cheese ,, ,,	(*a*) 4.5	(*a*) 5.3	(*a*) 7.1	(*a*)14.6	14.0	30.1	40.6	49.2
Meat(*k*)—								
Beef and Veal ,, ,,	(*f*)	(*f*)	(*f*)	339	350	534	582	704
Mutton and Lamb ,, ,,				218	307	372	282	365
Pork ,, ,,				11.1	22.7	58.1	35.0	(*h*) 34.4
Bacon and Ham ,, ,,	(*a*) 7.5	(*a*)15.2	(*a*)23.8	26.2	31.8	42.5	36.6	(*h*) 36.7
Total Meat ,, ,,	(*f*)	(*f*)	(*f*)	608	727	1,027	949	1,153

(*a*) Year ended previous December. (*b*) At 31st December of previous year. (*c*) Number per 1,000 of mean population. (*d*) Decrees made absolute, including decrees for nullity of marriage. (*e*) Number per 1,000 live births. (*f*) Not available. (*g*) Index of nominal weekly wage rates for adult males divided by the "C" Series Retail Price Index Number. (*h*) Subject to revision. (*i*) Productive cane. (*j*) In terms of greasy. (*k*) Bone-in weight in terms of fresh meat; cured weight, bacon and ham.

Statistical Summary—Australia—*continued.*

NOTE.—*See* headnotes on page 115.

Item.	Year ended 30th June—							
	1892.	1902.	1912.	1922.	1932.	1942.	1952.	1954.
PRODUCTION—*continued.*								
Mineral(*a*)(*b*)—								
Copper(*c*) .. '000 tons	(*d*)	(*d*)	(*d*)	(*d*)	13.5	20.9	17.9	36.6
Gold(*c*) .. '000 fine oz.	1,243	3,300	2,484	758	595	1,497	896	1,075
Lead(*c*) .. '000 tons	(*d*)	(*d*)	(*d*)	(*d*)	150.8	289.4	212.0	269.3
Zinc(*c*) .. .. ,, ,,					66.1	232.6	189.2	239.3
Black Coal mill. tons.	4.4	6.9	10.6	12.8	8.4	14.2	17.6	18.4
Brown Coal .. ,, ,,	..	..	(*e*)	0.1	2.2	4.6	7.8	8.3
Forestry—								
Sawn output of native timber mill. sup. ft.	(*d*)	(*a*) 452	(*a*) 605	590	237	914	1,393	1,406
Factories—								
Number of factories '000	(*f*)	(*f*)	14.5	18.0	21.7	27.0	45.8	49.6
Persons employed .. ,,			312	379	337	725	978	990
Salaries and wages paid £m.			28	68	56	180	612	705
Net value of production—								
Chemicals, &c. .. £m.	(*d*)	(*d*)	1.1	3.2	7.9	24.8	63.7	82.3
Industrial metals, &c. ,,			12.0	23.6	22.8	119.9	413.0	472.4
Textiles, &c. .. ,,			7.5	19.2	6.9	21.0	56.6	78.6
Clothing .. ,,					11.1	23.6	81.1	92.6
Food, &c. .. ,,			11.8	27.2	28.7	53.2	141.1	177.9
Paper, &c. .. ,,			4.2	9.0	9.6	17.1	68.2	79.3
All groups .. ,,	23.3	29.1	47.5	112.5	111.0	316.5	1,024.9	1231.1
Value of plant & machnry ,,	(*d*)	(*d*)	31.4	78.1	121.5	169.2	412.5	581.2
Value of land and buildings ,,			32.5	67.3	106.6	156.3	360.2	484.3
Net Value of production(*h*)—								
Agriculture .. £m.	17.0	23.8	38.8	81.9	49.7	64.0	246.7	268.5
Pastoral .. .. ,,	31.3	27.2	52.7	75.1	43.0	85.4	400.5	491.7
Dairying .. .. ,,	6.0	7.6	16.1	35.3	22.6	34.3	103.8	137.0
Poultry .. .. ,,	1.9	2.0	4.0	9.0	5.7	6.5	31.5	34.8
Bee-farming .. ,,	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.8	1.4
Total, Rural .. ,,	56.3	60.7	111.7	201.4	121.1	190.6	783.3	933.4
Trapping .. .. ,,	(*d*)	(*d*)	(*d*)	(*d*)	1.5	5.0	6.7	5.4
Forestry .. .. ,,	4.4	2.8	4.8	9.1	3.9	10.2	37.9	41.7
Fisheries .. .. ,,			1.1	1.4	1.4	1.8	5.7	7.4
Mines and Quarries(*i*) ,,	12.1	22.0	23.3	20.0	13.5	33.4	97.2	104.9
Total, Non-rural .. ,,	16.5	24.8	29.2	30.5	20.3	50.4	147.5	159.4
Total, Primary .. ,,	72.8	85.5	140.9	231.9	141.4	241.0	930.8	1092.8
Factories .. .. ,,	23.3	29.1	47.5	112.5	111.0	316.5	1,024.9	1231.1
Total, All Industries ,,	96.1	114.6	188.4	344.4	252.4	557.5	1,955.7	2323.9
BUILDING(*j*)—								
Permits, New Dwellings '000	(*d*)	(*d*)	(*d*)	(*d*)	2.1	9.7	32.8	32.0
Permits, New Dwellings £m.					1.5	9.6	80.4	93.0
Permits, All Buildings(*k*) ,,					4.6	13.5	116.4	148.3
OVERSEA TRADE—	(*a*)	(*a*)	(*a*)					
Imports .. £m. f.o.b.	34	38	61	94	52	174	1,053	682
Exports .. .. ,, ,,	36	50	79	128	108	169	675	828
Principal Exports(*l*)—								
Wool .. mill. lb.(*m*)	641	529	734	946	903	938	1,036	1,168
Wool .. £m. f.o.b.	20	15	26	48	32	58	323	410
Wheat .. '000 tons	258	543	1,477	2,677	3,413	598	1,685	965
Wheat .. £m. f.o.b.	1.9	2.8	9.6	28.6	19.2	4.6	55.3	31.0
Flour .. '000 short tons	33	97	176	360	611	414	789	761
Flour .. £m. f.o.b.	0.3	0.6	1.4	5.5	3.8	4.2	33.0	29.7
Butter .. mill. lb.	4	35	102	127	202	130	25	88
Butter .. £m. f.o.b.	0.2	1.4	4.6	8.0	10.3	8.1	4.6	16.1
Hides and Skins £m. f.o.b.	0.9	1.3	3.2	3.1	2.3	6.0	17.1	19.4
Meats .. .. ,, ,,	0.5	2.6	4.3	5.5	6.4	14.1	35.5	57.8
Fruit(*n*) .. .. ,, ,,	..	0.2	0.5	3.0	4.8	4.0	19.5	32.4
Sugar .. .. ,, ,,	..	(*e*)	(*e*)	(*e*)	2.5	2.6	6.9	31.6
Gold .. .. ,, ,,	5.7	14.3	12.0	3.5	11.9	9.2	7.0	13.8
Silver and Lead .. ,, ,,	1.9	2.3	3.2	2.7	2.9	7.4	32.1	31.0
Ores and Concentrates ,, ,,	..	(*e*)	3.7	0.8	0.2	1.3	20.4	9.3

(*a*) Year ended previous December. (*b*) Breaks in the continuity of the series occurred in 1931 and 1951. (*c*) Mine production; i.e., metal content of minerals produced. (*d*) Not available. (*e*) Less than .05. (*f*) Owing to variation in classification, effective comparison is impossible. (*g*) Not yet available. (*h*) Gross value from 1891 to 1921–22. Prior to 1922 figures are for years ended previous December. (*i*) Incomplete. (*j*) Six capital cities and suburbs. (*k*) Includes additions and alterations. (*l*) Australian produce except gold, which includes re-exports. (*m*) In terms of greasy. (*n*) Excludes fruit juices.

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NOTE.—*See* headnotes on page 115.

Item.	Year ended 30th June—							
	1892.	1902.	1912.	1922.	1932.	1942.	1952.	1954.
OVERSEA TRADE—*continued.*								
Principal Imports—		(*a*)	(*a*)					
Vegetable foodstuffs, &c. .. £m. f.o.b.	(*b*)	3.6	3.7	4.0	2.6	6.1	25.0	25.7
Apparel, &c. .. ,, ,,		10.9	16.2	31.0	15.4	32.7	203.6	113.8
Oil, &c. .. .. ,, ,,		1.2	1.6	4.7	5.5	16.2	87.5	83.4
Metals, &c. .. ,, ,,		7.8	14.0	22.8	7.4	71.8	392.9	252.1
Rubber, &c. .. ,, ,,		0.5	1.4	1.7	0.8	3.2	35.1	11.7
Paper, &c. .. ,, ,,		1.6	2.6	4.4	4.4	4.3	68.8	34.1
TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATION—								
Shipping—	(*a*)	(*a*)	(*a*)					
Oversea Vessels, Entrances and Clearances No.	3,778	4,028	4,174	3,111	3,057	2,544	4,136	4,128
Oversea Vessels, Entrances and Clearances mill. tons	4.7	6.5	10.0	9.1	11.4	10.8	18.2	17.7
Oversea Cargo—								
Discharged mill. tons(*c*)	(*b*)		(*b*)	2.4	3.0	5.5	14.4	11.3
Shipped .. ,, ,, (*c*)			(*b*)	5.8	6.7	4.2	5.7	7.1
Interstate Vessels, Entrances and Clearances No.	(*b*)	(*b*)	9,605	9,782	7,957	9,100	7,524	9,522
Interstate Vessels, Entrances and Clearances mill. tons			13.1	12.8	11.1	12.9	15.8	19.2
Interstate Cargo Shipped mill. tons(*c*)			(*b*)	5.5	4.0	10.0	9.0	10.6
Government Railways—	(*d*)	(*d*)	(*d*)					
Route-miles .. '000	10.4	12.8	16.8	23.5	27.0	27.2	26.8	26.6
Passenger-journeys mill.	84	115	228	335	303	475	501	511
Goods and livestock carried '000 tons	9.4	15.5	25.5	31.5	26.1	38.9	44.8	47.8
Train-miles run .. mill.	29.7	38.2	55.2	56.1	63.8	88.5	93.4	93.5
Tramways and Omnibuses—								
Passenger-journeys—								
Trams .. .. mill.	(*b*)	(*b*)	360	569	589	874	686	630
Omnibuses .. ,,			(*b*)	(*b*)	(*b*)	264	555	565
Motor vehicles on the register—								
Cars .. .. '000	..	..	(*b*)	102	420	451	1,032	1,200
Commercial vehicles ,,					96	251	583	605
Civil Aviation(*e*)—								
Plane-miles flown .. mill.	..	..	..	..	2.5	7.8	41.8	41.0
Passengers carried '000	..	..	..	..	57	152	1,829	1,772
Passenger-miles .. mill.	..	..	..	..	(*b*)	76	722	702
Freight carried '000 short tons	..	..	..	..	0.1	1.2	57.5	69.5
Freight carried '000 ton-miles	..	..	..	..	(*b*)	0.9	26.7	32.7
Postal—	(*a*)	(*a*)	(*a*)					
Postal matter dealt with(*f*) mill. articles	242	324	595	702	(*g*) 871	(*g*) 1,100	(*g*) 1,485	(*g*) 1,569
Telegrams and cablegrams mill.	10.0	9.9	13.3	16.8	13.9	26.1	29.8	25.1
Telephones—								
Instruments .. '000	7	29	103	259	485	739	1,301	1,475
Lines .. .. ,,	(*b*)	25	85	196	364	531	927	1,050
Calls—Trunk .. mill.	(*b*)	(*b*)	(*b*)	14.0	28.9	45.3	69.4	81.8
Local .. ,,	(*b*)	(*b*)	(*b*)	221	369	664	968	1,032
Broadcast Listeners' Licences '000	..	..	..	(*h*) 36	369	1,320	1,961	2,042
PUBLIC FINANCE—								
Commonwealth—								
Consolidated Revenue Fund—		(*d*)	(*d*)					
Revenue .. £m.	..	11	21	64	72	210	1,017	1,023
Expenditure .. ,,	..	4	15	64	70	210	1,017	967
Net loan fund expenditure ,,	..	..	1	5	4	213	55	69
Taxation collections ,,	..	9	16	50	54	180	934	900
State—								
Consolidated Revenue Funds—								
Revenue .. £m.	(*b*)	28	41	85	100	152	387	468
Expenditure .. ,,	(*b*)	29	41	87	121	149	390	465
Net loan expenditure(*i*) ,,	(*b*)	9	16	34	6	8	198	167
Taxation collections ,,	(*b*)	3	5	18	33	57	63	80
Public Debt(*j*)—								
Commonwealth .. £m.	..	..	6	354	319	638	1,869	1,918
State .. .. ,,	a155.1	213	279	519	789	911	1,396	1,689
Total .. .. ,,	a155.1	213	285	873	1,108	1,549	3,265	3,607
Overseas .. .. ,,	(*b*)	(*b*)	194	412	522	516	406	421
In Australia .. ,,	(*b*)	(*b*)	91	461	586	1,033	2,859	3,186

(*a*) Year ended previous December. (*b*) Not available. (*c*) Tons weight plus tons measurement. (*d*) Year ended 30th June. (*e*) Regular internal services. (*f*) Letters, postcards, letter-cards and newspapers. (*g*) Includes packets. (*h*) Year 1923–24. (*i*) Loan expenditure on works, services, &c. (*j*) At 30th June.

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NOTE.—*See* headnotes on page 115.

Item.		Year ended 30th June—							
		1892.	1902.	1912.	1922.	1932.	1942.	1952.	1954.
PRIVATE FINANCE—									
Commonwealth Note Issue(*a*)	£m.	(*b*)	(*b*)	8	54	51	103	303	344
Cheque-paying Banks—									
Advances(*c*)	,,	(*d*) 125	94	109	183	261	270	677	695
Deposits(*c*)	,,	(*d*) 98	91	143	289	319	387	1,189	1,326
Bank clearings	,,	(*b*)	338	662	1,702	1,581	2,828	12,160	11,740
Savings bank deposits(*e*)	,,	15	31	59	154	198	274	892	1,010
Life Assurance(*d*)(*f*)—									
Ordinary—									
Policies	'000	(*b*)	414	484	730	871	1,340	2,553	2,893
Sum assured	£m.		108	109	181	285	463	1,212	1,553
Industrial—									
Policies	'000		236	467	973	1,550	2,780	3,843	3,881
Sum assured	£m.		5	10	30	67	127	254	286
Total—									
Policies	'000		650	951	1,703	2,421	4,120	6,396	6,774
Sum assured	£m.		113	119	211	352	590	1,466	1,839
SOCIAL STATISTICS—									
Commonwealth Social Services—									
Age and Invalid Pensions	'000(*g*)	..	..	90	144	256	336	420	472
	£m.	..	..	2.2	5.4	11.1	19.3	59.8	81.3
Child Endowment, Claims in force	'000(*g*)	..	..	..	..	..	488	1,205	1,260
	£m.	..	..	..	..	..	11.3	46.6	50.8
Total Commonwealth Health and Social Services(*h*)	£m.	..	..	2.2	6.1	11.5	30.9	137.6	176.6
War Pensions	'000(*g*)	..	..	..	225	274	220	525	564
	£m.	..	..	..	7.0	7.4	7.5	31.8	36.8
Service Pensions	'000(*g*)	..	..	..	..	..	14	17	21
	£m.	..	..	..	..	..	0.6	1.8	2.7
State Social Services(*i*)—									
Education(*d*)—									
Government Schools—									
Schools	'000	6.2	7.0	8.0	9.4	10.1	9.5	7.6	(*j*)
Staff	,,	12.6	14.5	17.0	26.1	33.8	32.1	36.7	(*j*)
Students	,,	561	638	639	819	937	887	1,013	(*j*)
Non-Government Schools—									
Schools	'000	2.0	2.5	1.9	1.7	1.8	1.9	1.9	(*j*)
Staff	,,	6.0	8.3	7.8	8.8	10.0	11.4	13.3	(*j*)
Students	,,	125	149	161	199	221	257	326	(*j*)
Universities(*k*)—									
Number	..	4	4	5	6	6	8	9	(*j*)
Staff(*l*)	..	(*b*)	(*b*)	249	482	703	1,416	3,082	(*j*)
Students	'000	1.6	1.8	3.4	8.0	9.8	13.9	31.7	(*j*)
Public Hospitals—		(*d*)	(*d*)	(*d*)	(*d*)	(*d*)			
Number	..	(*b*)	285	355	404	513	566	675	(*j*)
Staff—Medical	'000	(*b*)	(*b*)	1.1	1.5	3.2	3.9	6.9	(*j*)
Nursing	,,	(*b*)	(*b*)	5.1	6.8	9.3	15.4	24.6	(*j*)
In-patients, cases treated	,,	(*mn*)54	(*n*) 91	134	215	371	595	896	(*j*)
POLICE AND PRISONS(*d*)—									
Police	'000	5.3	5.8	6.4	6.9	8.6	9.7	12.3	(*j*)
Prisons	..	(*b*)	(*b*)	104	91	85	70	69	(*j*)
Prisoners	'000	(*b*)	4.3	3.1	2.9	4.2	3.2	4.4	(*j*)
PRICES(*d*)—									
"C" Series Retail Price Index	..	..	..	1,000	1,680	1,448	1,673	3,124	3,820

(*a*) At end of June. (*b*) Not available. (*c*) Figures for 1891 are averages of weekly balances for the December quarter; the remainder are for the June quarter. All Cheque-paying Banks to 1931–32, Private Trading Banks thereafter. (*d*) Year ended previous December. (*e*) 1891 at 31st December, thereafter at 30th June. (*f*) Existing business in Australia. (*g*) At 30th June. (*h*) Excludes war and service pensions. (*i*) Includes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory. (*j*) Not yet available. (*k*) Excludes Australian National University. (*l*) Includes part-time. (*m*) Year 1891–92 for Victoria. (*n*) Adelaide Hospital only included in South Australia.

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